



Oradell/New Milford, NJ

Saint Joseph

Roman Catholic Church

The Epiphany Of The Lord ~ January 5, 2025

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THE LORD
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OVERJOYED AT SEEING
THE STAR
Matthew 2:10



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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	religioused@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:

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,
William Gavigan, Angela Schimpf

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.

Angelo Shingelo

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	January 4, 2025 Diane and Larry Greenwald 29th Wedding Anniversary
Sunday 7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm	January 5, 2025 People of the Parish Frederick Burns Rita Petrie Birthday Remembrance Connor Walsh 8th Anniversary Remembrance
Monday 8:30 am	January 6, 2025 Casado Vallejo
Tuesday 8:30 am	January 7, 2025 Antonio P. Meo
Wednesday 8:30 am	January 8, 2025 C.J. Doyle
Thursday 8:30 am	January 9, 2025 Louis Thomas Alloro
Friday 8:30 am	January 10, 2025 Mary Passaretti-Tucci
Saturday 8:30 am 5:00 pm	January 11, 2025 Rita Petrie Edward and Marguerite Jackson
Sunday 7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm	January 12, 2025 People of the Parish Romeo Pantaleon Jean Olenik 4th Anniversary Remembrance Scarano and Moretti Families

January Adoration

Our Monthly Adoration for January will be postponed until Wednesday, January 8 due to the New Year's Holiday. It will be held in the Upper Church after the 8:30 AM Daily Mass. Please come to pray before the Blessed Sacrament!



BREAD & WINE INTENTION

The Bread and Wine
for the week of
January 5, 2025
Is Offered In Loving Memory Of
Connor Walsh
8th Anniversary Remembrance
Requested by his mother, Alice Walsh



ALTAR FLOWER INTENTION

The Altar Flowers
For the week of
January 5, 2025
Are Offered In Loving Memory Of
Connor Walsh
Requested by his mother, Alice Walsh



SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTION

The Sanctuary Lamp
For the week of
January 5, 2025
Burns in the Upper Church
In Loving Memory Of
Connor Walsh
Requested by his mother, Alice Walsh

A note from Fr. Christian



January here we are! I hope everyone enjoyed the Christmas and New Years Holidays and are ready to start 2025 on the right foot. One of the best ways to do just that is to reaffirm/renew our commitment to discipleship;

saying “yes” to Jesus and inviting His grace into our mind and heart as we live our daily life. Not so long ago, many of us were giving Christmas presents to each other. It feels so good to give doesn’t it? To just see that smile on another person’s face when we were able to give them something we know they wanted or maybe even surprise them with something unexpected! These precious moments with family and friends are so uplifting and form memories that can last for a lifetime.

Now that all of the gift giving to each other is over, I think today especially as we celebrate the Epiphany and the visit of the Magi to Jesus, is a perfect opportunity to consider what gift we can give to our Lord. The Magi brought meaningful gifts of Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh, symbolizing respectively, the kingship, divinity, and future suffering that Christ would endure. They were relatively simple gifts, but nonetheless very significant.

So it really begs the questions- what gifts are we willing to bring to Jesus? What are we willing to do for Jesus this year? I’ve said it many times before, but one of the most beautiful and meaningful gifts that we can give to Jesus is the gift of our heart. To simply stand before Jesus in prayer and say, “here I am Lord, I come to do your will.” The gift of an open mind and heart not only helps us to become better, more intentional disciples who desire to do God’s will, but also brings great happiness and joy to Jesus who loves us. So yes! You are enough. The gift of ourselves and our willingness to grow in faith and purity is enough. Take a moment sometime today, together with me, to renew our commitment to Christ and one another and take steps in our daily life to grow closer and closer to Jesus.

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

*Saint Joseph Church
Music Ministry*



★ PRESENTS ★

An Afternoon of Christmas Joy

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**Saint Joseph
Coffee Hour**

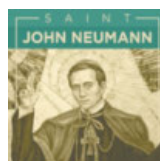


Saint Joseph’s Coffee Hour is where you can find fellowship, coffee, and some delicious goodies after feeding your soul at Mass.

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.



St. John Neumann, born in 1811 in Bohemia, patron saint of educators, immigrants, and sick children, was the first male saint to be canonized from the USA. An immigrant himself, he expanded

Catholic education in his region from 2 schools to 100 & ministered in 6 different languages!

Feast day - January 5

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!

How did God create the universe?

God created the universe freely with wisdom and love. The world is not the result of any necessity, nor of blind fate, nor of chance. God created "out of nothing" (*ex nihilo*) (2 Maccabees 7:28) a world which is ordered and good and which he infinitely transcends. God preserves his creation in being and sustains it, giving it the capacity to act and leading it toward its fulfillment through his Son and the Holy Spirit.

What is divine providence?

Divine Providence consists in the dispositions with which God leads his creatures toward their ultimate end. God is the sovereign Master of his own plan. To carry it out, however, he also makes use of the cooperation of his creatures. For God grants his creatures the dignity of acting on their own and of being causes for each other.

How do we collaborate with divine Providence?

While respecting our freedom, God asks us to cooperate with him and gives us the ability to do so through actions, prayers and sufferings, thus awakening in us the desire "to will and to work for his good pleasure" (*Philippians 2:13*).

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 beautiful sights, and triumphant sounds of the Christmas season.



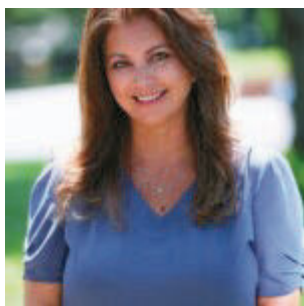
Music Ministry pictured are:
Ivana Joy Kunc (cantor)
Noyes "Bart" Bartholomew (trumpet)
Rich Leavy (drums)



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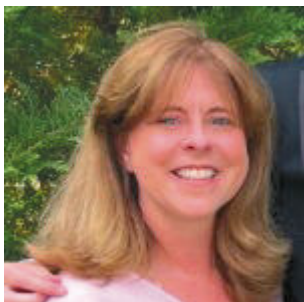


MEET OUR NEW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS!



Jane Kiernan and her husband Tom have been parishioners of St Joseph's since they moved to Oradell in 2002. She and her husband have been married for 25 years and are raising three sons, all of whom completed the religious education program at St. Joe's. Jane has been a lector since 2022 and serves as a eucharistic minister as well. In spring of 2024 she brought back the Harrison House ministry, organizing volunteers to cook meals for its occupants twice a month. She was a catechist in the religious education program for several years and serves at funerals when needed. A graduate of Cornell University, Jane's background is in advertising account management, working at big and small agencies in NYC and San Francisco. Jane is joining the council in 2025.

David Bednarcik and his wife Mary Frances were married at St Joseph's in 1995 and became parishioners in 1996. They have two children who are currently attending Sacred Heart University, and both are graduates of St. Joseph's Grammar School. He is a Eucharistic Minister and was facilitator of the Men's Cornerstone in 2022. David actively volunteered in Boy Scouts. David and Mary Frances are co-leaders of the Respect Life Group at St. Joseph's. He has been working in the IT Industry since 1990 after graduating with a combined degree from Rutgers University - Newark and NJIT. David joins the council in 2025.



Jen McKeague has been a parishioner for over 25 years. She lives in Oradell with her two college-aged sons. Jen is a graduate of Iona University and works as a business-tech analyst for UBS. Jen had formerly served on the St. Joseph Athletic Association committee and was co-coordinator and coach of the St. Joe's Track & Field program for 14 years, a St. Joe's boys basketball assistant coach for 6 years and helped create and participate on the St. Joe's Co-Ed Adult Softball team. Jen currently volunteers as an altar server.



The Saint Joseph Youth Ministry final meeting of the year Christmas Party, and the blessing of the Nativity.



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



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



Saint Joseph Prayer Shawl meetings are now on the THIRD Wednesday of the month during this school year. We will still meet in the parish life center on Grove Street from 11am to 1pm. Saint Joseph Shawl Ministry will have its next meeting on **January 15, 2024**. We warmly welcome new members who know how to knit or crochet. So, join us! Current members are reminded to bring any new work to the meeting to be blessed and prayed upon. The prayers of the entire ministry go forward with these gifts. We pray that the recipients will experience the warmth of God's love.

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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2025

**KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS
FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP**

Saint Joseph/Ascension Knights of Columbus is sponsoring its Council Championship on Saturday January 25, 2025

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, 2025. For additional information contact: Bob Osterlof at 201-370-3404. kofc3814@gmail.com

Date: Saturday January 25, 2025

Time: 3:30 P.M. Registration, 4:00 P.M. START

Place: St. Joseph School Gym, Elm Street Oradell New Jersey.



GIVE IT A SHOT!

Bulletin submissions for **Sunday, January 19**

Are due by **Friday, January 10.**

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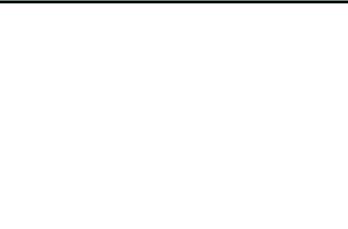


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