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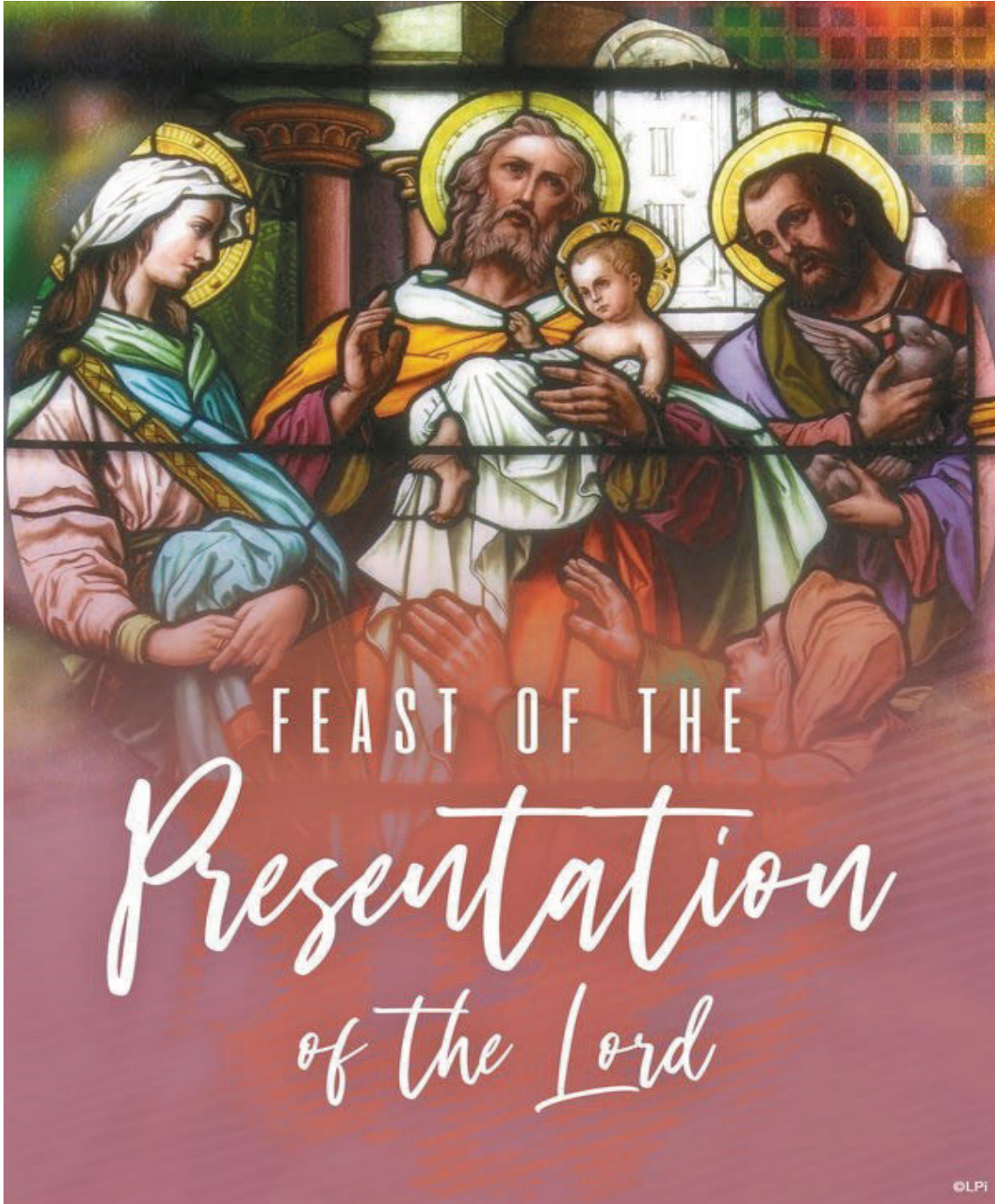
Roman Catholic Church

The Presentation Of The Lord ~ February 2, 2025

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel.

Luke 2:34



FEAST OF THE

Presentation of the Lord

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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	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:

Ed Grube, Bill Schmalz, Adam Nelson,
Patrick Valentino, Manuel Relucio, Soledad Relucio,
Marie Pucher, Natasha Martinez Prosser,
Annette Linder, William Gavigan, Angela Schimpf,
Cian Dankin, Nicholas Porfillio, Jim Smith,
Clara Ebertz, Barbara Gillen

*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.

Nicole Papenmeyer, Josephine D’Alusio,
Adam Gussen

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

**Marian Consecration with
33 Days to Morning Glory**



The Legion of Mary would like to invite you to
attend our “Monthly Prayer with Mary” after the
8:30 AM Mass on **Saturday, February 8** in Mary’s
Chapel. After the rosary and prayers, there will be a
short presentation on the Marian Consecration which
is outlined in the book *33 Days to Morning Glory* by
Fr. Michael Gaitley”. It is a method of consecrating
yourself to Jesus through Mary.

If you wish to join us in being filled with a special
closeness to the Blessed Mother, we encourage you to
begin the preparation outlined in the book on
February 20 and continue it for 33 days leading up to
consecration on the feast of the Annunciation,
March 25.

We hope you will be able to join us on February 8.
Preparation books and other information will be
available at that time. If you have questions or if you
are interested, but cannot attend, please contact us at
legion@sjcnj.org.

SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTION



The Sanctuary Lamp

For the week of

February 2, 2025

Burns in the Upper Church

In Loving Memory Of

Kenneth Roberts

Requested by The Sinclair Family

Saturday 5:00 pm	February 1, 2025 Amelia Fabiano Herman
Sunday 7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm	February 2, 2025 People of the Parish Fr. Frank Gaetano John C. Zack, Jr. Patricia Kelly
Monday 8:30 am	February 3, 2025 Patricia Devlin Kelly
Tuesday 8:30 am	February 4, 2025 Daniel O’Grady 9th Anniversary Remembrance
Wednesday 8:30 am	February 5, 2025 Geraldine A. DeFilippo
Thursday 8:30 am	February 6, 2025 Mary Coneely
Friday 8:30 am	February 7, 2025 Michael Gaydos
Saturday 8:30 am 5:00 pm	February 8, 2025 Carolina Accomando 23rd Anniversary Remembrance Mary B. Sweeney
Sunday 7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm	February 9, 2025 People of the Parish Mairead McAteer Edward Ryby 2nd Anniversary Remembrance Cecilia Tumang



BREAD & WINE INTENTION

The Bread and Wine

for the week of

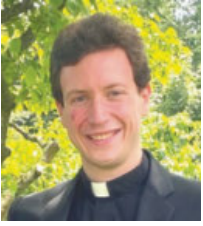
February 2, 2025

Are Offered In Loving Memory Of

Frances O’Byrne

Requested by Maureen McDade

A note from Fr. Christian



It only happens once in a few years, but this weekend we are privileged to be able to celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord together on a Sunday! This feast day recalls the sacred moment when Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the Temple in

keeping with the Jewish custom, *"...just as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord,' and to offer the sacrifice of "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons," in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord"* (Luke 2:23-24). While gathered in the Temple, the righteous man Simeon took Jesus, *"...into his arms and blessed God, saying: 'Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel'* (Luke 2:28-32). Jesus is the light of the world who meets each one of us where we are and helps us to grow and mature as disciples and brothers and sisters.

In keeping with our Church's tradition, we will begin Mass this weekend holding lighted candles, symbols of Christ as the light of the world and recalling the words of Simeon in the Scripture. These candles will be lit and blessed at the beginning of Mass. As sons and daughters of God and followers of Christ, we too are called to bring light into the world and so I invite you to take those candles home with you as a reminder of that mission entrusted to each one of us.

Also, this weekend, I am very pleased to announce that two of our parishioners have entered into formation for the Permanent Diaconate! **Francisco Casado and Sal Shareef, both of whom are active members of our community here at St. Joseph's, have received their Call to Candidacy last Sunday, as they begin their formation to become permanent deacons who will serve our Church in the future.** Every Sunday, we have been praying for increased vocations from our parish community and I am grateful to both of these men and their families for listening for God's invitation and welcoming the call to service!

The process of formation takes a few years and can be academically and spiritually challenging at times for anyone (I know because I lived through it!), so as a parish family please keep them in your prayers as they continue their studies and formation. As a community, we will also continue to pray for increased vocations!

Prayer is powerful and God certainly hears our prayers. If you or someone you know has ever felt the call to priesthood, diaconate, religious life, or any other vocation, please don't hesitate to talk with someone you trust about it whether it is a close friend, family member, Deacon George, Fr. John, or myself. We are all here to love, help, and support each other. **If God has placed even that slightest desire for service in your heart, it is certainly worth exploring.** That's how I began to embrace the call to priesthood in my own life and I couldn't be more happy! When we follow God's call and embrace our vocation whatever it may be, we will find joy and peace even in the midst of life's challenges.

May God continue to abundantly bless all of us as we strive to follow Jesus more closely each and every day. I am grateful for all of you!

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

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.

Please join us today after the 7:30, 9:00, and 10:30 Masses in Saint Joseph's Retreat House behind the church.

Saint Joseph Prayer Shawl Ministry will have its next meeting on **February 19, 2025** in the Parish Life Center. We warmly welcome new members who know how to knit or crochet.

The American Special Children's Pilgrimage Group will be selling 50/50 raffle tickets before and after each Mass on February 1 & 2 to raise money to pay for individuals with disabilities to travel on a pilgrimage to Lourdes, France the week of Easter 2025. Tickets are \$10.

TIME CHANGE FOR MEN'S CORNERSTONE MONTHLY MEETINGS

The new time for Men's Cornerstone Monthly Meetings will be 7:30 PM on the second Wednesday of the month

Bulletin submissions for **Sunday, February 16**
Are due by **Friday, February 7.**
bulletin@sjcnj.org

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!

What is the relationship between the work of creation and the work of redemption?

The work of creation culminates in the still greater work of redemption, which in fact gives rise to a new creation in which everything will recover its true meaning and fulfillment.

In what sense do we understand man and woman as created “in the image of God”?

The human person is created in the image of God in the sense that he or she is capable of knowing and of loving their Creator in freedom. Human beings are the only creatures on earth that God has willed for their own sake and has called to share, through knowledge and love, in his own divine life. All human beings, in as much as they are created in the image of God, have the dignity of a person. A person is not something but someone, capable of self-knowledge and of freely giving himself and entering into communion with God and with other persons.

For what purpose did God create man and woman?

God has created everything for them; but he has created them to know, serve and love God, to offer all of creation in this world in thanksgiving back to him and to be raised up to life with him in heaven. Only in the mystery of the incarnate Word does the mystery of the human person come into true light. Man and woman are predestined to reproduce the image of the Son of God made Man, who is the perfect “image of the invisible God” (*Colossians* 1:15).

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



WINTER BOOK CLUB

Please join the **Ministry of Motherhood (M.O.M.)** Winter Book Club! We will read “Searching for and Maintaining Peace”

A Small Treatise on Peace of Heart by Fr. Jacques Philippe. The Book Club

Meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 12, 2025. We will meet for a discussion and light refreshments at 7:30 pm. You can order your book on [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) or [paulinestore.com](https://www.paulinestore.com). To RSVP and for all the details, please email moms@sjcnj.org.

A little about the book: Fr. Jacques Philippe’s impactful words of prayer, freedom and relationship with God have benefited Catholics all over the world. His books offer the opportunity to pray better, experience true freedom, how to handle suffering and how to discern God’s will. Searching for and Maintaining Peace is a simple, yet profound treatise on peace of heart. He states, “The more our soul is peaceful and tranquil, the more God is reflected in it. The more His image expresses itself in us, the more His grace acts through us.”

ALTAR FLOWER OFFERINGS

We are accepting donations for the flowers that decorate the altar area. Please contact the Parish Office for further information.

ANNUAL 2025 APPEAL

The 2025 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, scanning the QR code, or join us for In-Pew Weekend on March 1 and 2.

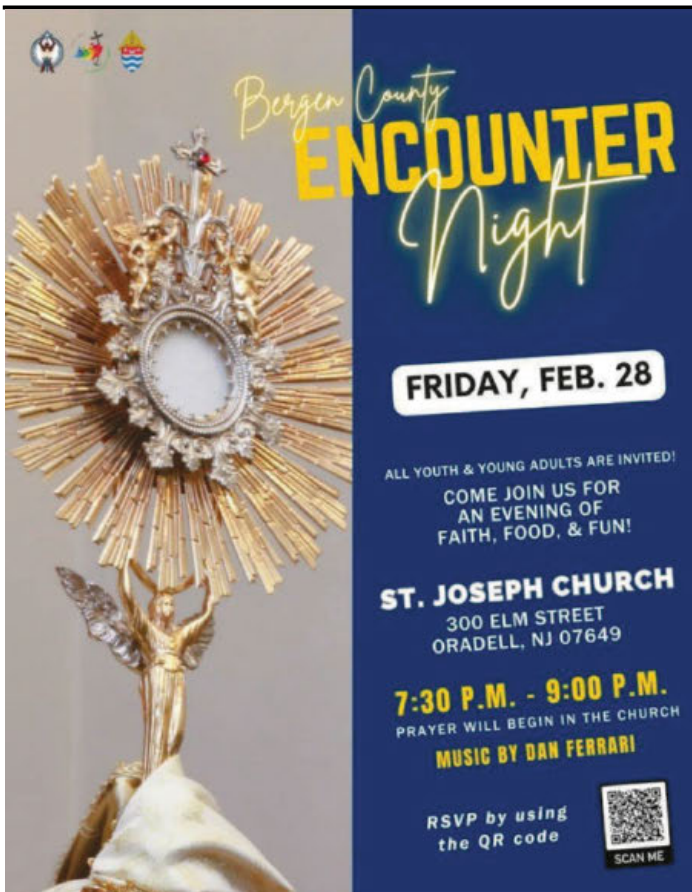


Anticipated 2025 - 2026 openings:

- Pre-Kindergarten 2 Teacher
- Pre-Kindergarten 2 Teacher Assistant
- Substitute Teachers at a daily rate of \$109.

Please send resume to: valentip@sjusa.org





SAINT JOSEPH SCHOOL PTO FAMILY DINNER FUNDRAISER - TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH



Please pick from the following choices:

- Choice 1 - Chicken Parm, Vodka Sauce, Penne Vodka
 - Choice 2 - Grilled Chicken Bruschetta with Cavatelli & Broccoli
 - Choice 3 - Eggplant Parm with Baked Ziti
- Family style dinners include Caesar salad and bread \$60 per dinner
Fully cooked - heat & serve - feeds 4-5 people - taxes included

Proceeds to benefit the St. Joseph School PTO. Orders must be received by Wednesday, February 5th. Dinners to be picked up at dismissal - Tues, Feb. 11 In the Lower School Cafeteria

For more information: email Lindita Bresa: LBRESA@GMAIL.COM

Unfortunately, no substitutions can be made. Thank you for helping us make this a success for our students.

Please drop off orders and payment to Mrs. Marconi in the front office by Wed. Feb. 5. Payment via cash or check made out to St. Joseph's PTO. Please include your name and phone number.



The 2026 Mass Book is now open

This past year, our Mass book filled up too quickly, and we were not able to accept any more Mass intentions at a relatively early time. In order to mitigate this and allow people to request specific Masses even throughout the year, we have reduced the number of Masses to request when the Mass book opens to three per family for the first 6 months. We will then look at the availability of Masses and possibly reopen the book. Thank you for your understanding as we strive to keep Mass times available to everyone throughout the year. Mass intention forms will be available in the church or the Rectory Office.

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 - February 18, March 18, April 22, and May 20. 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.



St. Josephine Bakhita | February 8

The story of St. Josephine Bakhita (1869-1947) is a story that many people taken into slavery have experienced. Born in the Darfur region of Sudan, she was kidnapped at the age of 8 and sold into slavery many times. As she passed from owner to owner, she experienced the moral and physical humiliations associated with slavery. It was only at the age of 13 that her suffering was alleviated after she was bought for the Italian Consul in Sudan. It was here that she was fortunate to receive kindness, respect, and peace from her new master.

She was later handed over to the Canossian Sisters when she made the case that slavery had been outlawed in Italy for years. She was baptized and confirmed in the Catholic Church in 1890, where she took the name Josephine. She later entered the Institute of St. Magdalene of Canossa in 1893 and made her profession three years later.

St. Josephine Bakhita's next 50 years were spent serving people through cooking, sewing, embroidery, and housekeeping. She was a source of encouragement and her constant smile won people's hearts, as did her humility and simplicity. Today she is known as the patron saint of victims of modern slavery and human trafficking. (LPi)



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2025 K of C Council Free Throw Championship
St Joseph/Ascension Knights of Columbus Council #3814 of New Milford/Oradell hosted their Annual Council Free Throw Contest on Saturday January 25, 2025. The event was open to all boys and girls in the community, ages 9 to 14. The winners advance to compete in the K of C District 15 competition with a chance to move on to the regional championship in March. The following are winners from this year's competition in each age category:

Girls


- Age 9 Mariella Ceylan
- Age 10 Alana Stabile
- Age 11 Allegra Traphagen
- Age 12 Sophia Marotta
- Age 13 Ava Stabile

Boys

- Age 9 Logan Harris
- Age 10 Dominic Hans
- Age 11 Joey Cabbad
- Age 12 Charlie Tenaglia



All 26 participants received a certificate of participation. The Council is proud of all the participants and wishes luck to winners advancing to the district 15 competition.



February is for sweethearts...

Are you a sweetheart? Answer below.

Some people believe that a sweetheart is any individual who has an empathetic heart for the struggles of the disadvantaged and is willing to do something to alleviate their sufferings. One very effective way to do this is by helping to fill the Catholic Charities Donation Bins. We need: used clothing, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, tools, novels and children's books. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

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
February 12, 2025

Men's Meeting Dates
Third Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm in the Retreat House
February 19, 2025

Key Dates for both Men & Women
March 7- 8, 2025: WOMEN'S CORNERSTONE WEEKEND at Retreat House
March 21-22, 2025: MEN'S CORNERSTONE WEEKEND at Retreat House

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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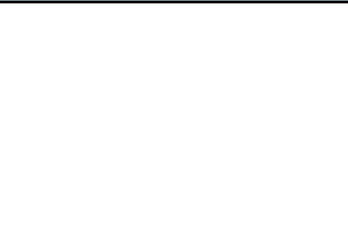
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