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# Saint Joseph

## Roman Catholic Church

The Baptism Of The Lord ~ January 12, 2025

THE BAPTISM OF  
THE LORD

The Holy Spirit  
descended upon Him.  
Luke 3:21-22a

### Saint Joseph Church Music Ministry



★ PRESENTS ★

An Afternoon of Christmas Joy

SUN  
12<sup>20</sup>  
25  
JAN  
AT 3PM

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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, Cian Dankin

*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.**

John Marze, Stanislaw Lenkiewicz, Brendan Walsh,  
Elizabeth McDonough, Kathleen Murray

**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

<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>January 11, 2025</b> Edward and Marguerite Jackson
<b>Sunday</b> 7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm	<b>January 12, 2025</b> People of the Parish Romeo Pantaleon Jean Olenik 4th Anniversary Remembrance Scarano and Moretti Families
<b>Monday</b> 8:30 am	<b>January 13, 2025</b> Tony P. Meo
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:30 am	<b>January 14, 2025</b> Rita Petrie
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:30 am	<b>January 15, 2025</b> Carmela DeBenedetto
<b>Thursday</b> 8:30 am	<b>January 16, 2025</b> Mary Passaretti-Tucci
<b>Friday</b> 8:30 am	<b>January 17, 2025</b> Louis Thomas Alloro
<b>Saturday</b> 8:30 am 5:00 pm	<b>January 18, 2025</b> Carmela DeBenedetto William James Sweeney
<b>Sunday</b> 7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm	<b>January 19, 2025</b> People of the Parish William and Mary Marion Anthony Flannery Zenaida Capati

**ALTAR POINSETTIAS**

After the 12:00 Mass on Jan. 12, please feel free to take home a beautiful poinsettia from our altar.



**BREAD & WINE INTENTION**

The Bread and Wine  
for the week of  
**January 12, 2025**  
Are Offered In Loving Memory Of  
**Julie A. Keeley**  
Requested by The McMillin Family



**SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTION**

The Sanctuary Lamp  
For the week of  
**January 12, 2025**  
Burns in the Upper Church  
In Celebration Of  
**John Moench's 95th Birthday**  
Requested by his family

**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](http://rcan.org/sharing), scanning the QR code, or join us for In-Pew Weekend on March 1 and 2.



*A note from Fr. Christian*



So here we have come to the formal end of the Christmas Season, the Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord. Amazing how long the Christmas season lasts isn't it? Goes to show just how important of a celebration it truly

is. I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmastime and had an opportunity to experience the beauty, joy, and peace that the season brings. My sincere thanks to everyone who have worked together to make our worship so beautiful during these days, including all of those who helped to set up the Christmas decorations and those who will assist in taking them down. Your help is greatly appreciated by all of us!

This Sunday is also our annual "Afternoon of Christmas Joy!" As anyone who has attended this event in the past would say, this is definitely **way more** than an "average" Christmas Concert. I would like to extend my gratitude to our music director Monroe Quinn for putting this experience together as well as all of our professional musicians, cantors, and choir who have worked so hard rehearsing to make this event special. If you're free at 3pm this Sunday, January 12th please stop by!

As we close the Christmas Season, our celebration of the Baptism of the Lord this weekend gives us not only an opportunity to reflect on the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River by John, but also invites us to recall our own Baptism and the graces that we received on that day. Whether we were Baptized as an infant or as an adult, all of us through the Sacrament of Baptism have been cleansed from Original Sin, welcomed into the life of the Church, and started on a lifelong journey of faith. How blessed we are to be baptized into Christ and to be able to share our life with Him. None of us ever walks this journey alone- we do it together with the Lord Jesus Himself.

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



***We Are His Witnesses: A Pastoral Letter from Cardinal Tobin***

As we welcome the New Year, Cardinal Tobin invites all Catholics in the Archdiocese of Newark to read ***We Are His Witnesses***, his pastoral letter outlining new pathways for the future of the Archdiocese. Rooted in Pope Francis' call for pastoral conversion, missionary discipleship, and synodality, the letter reflects on our shared journey of faith and calls us to embrace renewal, collaboration and missionary outreach. This multi-year initiative will guide us in shaping a vibrant, hopeful future for our Church community. Read [We Are His Witnesses](#) and join this journey of faith as we respond to Christ's call to be His witnesses in the world.

You can read Cardinal Tobin's letter on our website, under the "Links and Announcements" tab. <https://sjcnj.org/links/>



**The 2026 Mass Book will open on Thursday, January 23rd at 9:00 am.**

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.



**SHAWL MINISTRY DATE CHANGE!**

The shawl ministry has to change it's meeting on **January 15th**. Our next meeting will be on **February 19th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the PLC**. We invite all Knitters and crocheters to visit us there. Just bring your current project and enjoy our meeting.



*The  
Baptism  
of  
The  
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**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!

**If God is omnipotent and provident, why then does evil exist?**

To this question, as painful and mysterious as it is, only the *whole* of Christian faith can constitute a response. God is not in any way - directly or indirectly - the cause of evil. He illuminates the mystery of evil in his Son Jesus Christ who died and rose in order to vanquish that great moral evil, human sin, which is at the root of all other evils.

**Why does God permit evil?**

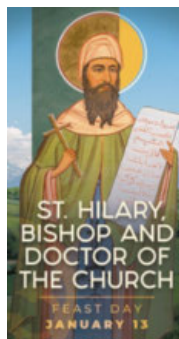
Faith gives us the certainty that God would not permit evil if he did not cause a good to come from that very evil. This was realized in a wondrous way by God in the death and resurrection of Christ. In fact, from the greatest of all moral evils (the murder of his Son) he has brought forth the greatest of all goods (the glorification of Christ and our redemption).

*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](https://www.vatican.va/archive/compendium_ccc/documents/archive_2005_compendium-ccc_en.html)*

**PLEASE NOTE!**

Monday, January 20, 2025  
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

The Rectory Office will be closed, and there will be NO NOVENA



St. Hilary of Poitiers, Bishop and Doctor of the Church | January 13  
Born a pagan, St. Hilary (c. 315 – c. 367) studied philosophy and the meaning of life, eventually making his way through the bible. He became a convert and was appointed bishop of Poitiers in 353. Sometimes referred to as the Hammer of the Arians, St. Hilary defended the Nicene Creed against a popular heresy,

Arianism. He was exiled to Phrygia for opposing Roman emperor Constantius II, who preferred the heresy which denies Christ's divinity. From Phrygia St. Hilary fought with his pen, zealously writing against the heresy.

Eventually he was allowed to return to Poitiers, but did so by a circuitous route, preaching against Arianism all the way. St. Hilary was likely the first writer of hymns in the West, his writings on the Trinity, Psalms and Gospel of Matthew survive today. St. Hilary was created Doctor of the Church, a title given to those who provided important contributions to theology and doctrine, in 1851 by Pope Pius IX. (LPi)

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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 **February 2** 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](mailto: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.



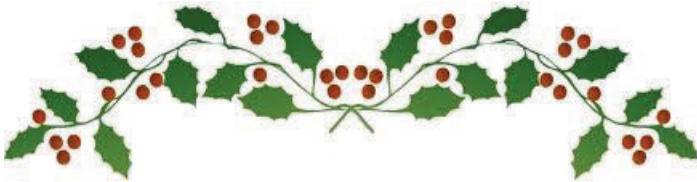
**DO YOU HAVE PARISH NEWS TO SHARE?**

Bulletin announcements should be sent to [bulletin@sjcnj.org](mailto:bulletin@sjcnj.org).

All bulletin submissions for **Sunday, January 26** are due by **Friday, January 17**.



Holiday highlights from St. Joseph School!  
The students participated in the Nativity Pageant and performed in the Christmas Concert.



### 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



Calling All Young Voices!

It's not too late to join the Children's Choir!  
If your child is interested in joining or if you have any questions, feel free to stop by after any Mass to speak to our Director of Music, Monroe Quinn or contact him at [quinnm@sjcnj.org](mailto:quinnm@sjcnj.org)

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](mailto:webmaster@sjcnj.org).



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Senior citizen preview - Tuesday, Jan. 28 at 3:00 pm  
Performances - January 31 at 7 pm,  
February 1 at 2 pm and 7 pm, February 2 at 3 pm,  
February 6 at 7 pm, February 7 at 7 pm,  
February 8 at 2 pm and 7 pm  
Tickets on sale - SJR.BOOKTIX.COM  
For more information call 201-391-3300

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!**

ALTAR FLOWER OFFERINGS

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

**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 - January 21, 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.

 **"Every End Is A  
New Beginning"**

These words are very hopeful and encouraging as we  
begin the New Year. For some who lack physical  
necessities and struggle with numerous problems on a  
daily basis, hope is a fleeting word. The many  
programs of Catholic Charities aim to restore hope  
and dignity. Please help us by contributing to the  
Donation Bin in the parish. We need used clothing,  
small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed  
animals, novels, knickknacks, and children's books.  
Thank you and God Bless.

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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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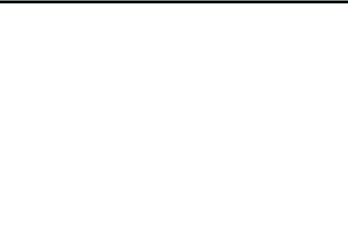
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