

Oradell/New Milford, NJ

# Saint Joseph

## Roman Catholic Church

Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time ~ February 23, 2025

SEVENTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME

“Give, and gifts will  
be given to you”

Luke 6:38

**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

• 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME •

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**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**Let us remember all those who are ill:**

Marie Pucher, Natasha Martinez Prosser, Annette Linder, William Gavigan, Angela Schimpf, Cian Dankin, Nicholas Porfillio, Jim Smith, Clara Ebertz, Barbara Gillen, Mary Vazquez, Michael Relucio, Patrick Valentino

*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.**

Diana LaSpisa

**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>February 22, 2025</b> Edward and Marguerite Jackson
<b>Sunday</b> 7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm	<b>February 23, 2025</b> People of the Parish Alice Abrams 1st Anniversary Remembrance Florence Horgan Elvaristo Dias
<b>Monday</b> 8:30 am	<b>February 24, 2025</b> Matthew Ritter
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:30 am	<b>February 25, 2025</b> Mary Beth Capone
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:30 am	<b>February 26, 2025</b> Ron Von Urff
<b>Thursday</b> 8:30 am	<b>February 27, 2025</b> John T. Flieger
<b>Friday</b> 8:30 am	<b>February 28, 2025</b> Mr. and Mrs. Pasquale Muoio
<b>Saturday</b> 8:30 am 5:00 pm	<b>March 1, 2025</b> Rita Petrie Mary Ragno Fabiano
<b>Sunday</b> 7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm	<b>March 2, 2025</b> People of the Parish Alexander Kamouh Florence Horgan Skevin Felice and Maria Scaglione

**2025 Annual Appeal**

We are grateful to share that we have already received \$14,508 in pledges. Thank you to all who have given so generously. Your support of the 2025 Annual Appeal helps sustain the mission of Christ in our Archdiocese. Please respond to the most recent pastor mailing to help our parish reach goal by June 30.

Our goal of \$88,939 can only be reached through your generosity and sacrifice. Please know that our In-Pew Weekend will be on March 1 and 2. If you have not yet made your gift, we invite you to prayerfully consider doing so. To make an online gift, please visit [rcan.org/sharing](http://rcan.org/sharing).

Thank you for your prayers, your generosity, and your faithful support of our Catholic mission. May God bless you.

YOUTH MINISTRY ADORATION - ST. JOSEPH CHURCH  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28 FROM 7:30-9:00 PM

**"THE LORD IS KIND AND MERCIFUL"**  
Psalm 103



**BREAD & WINE INTENTION**

The Bread  
for the week of  
**February 23, 2025**  
Is Offered In Loving Memory Of  
**Joan Murray**  
Requested by Peter and Judy Driscoll



**SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTION**

The Sanctuary Lamp  
For the week of  
**February 23, 2025**  
Burns in the Upper Church  
In Loving Memory Of  
**Lauren Zucconi**  
Requested by The Faculty and staff of  
St. Joseph School

*A note from Fr. Christian*



*“But to you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. To the person who strikes you on one cheek, offer the other one as well, and from the person*

*who takes your cloak, do not withhold even your tunic. Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you” (Luke 6:27-31).*

Wow! These have to be among some of the most challenging words in Scripture. Wait... do I really have to love that person who is obnoxious to me? Do I really need to show respect and curtesy to someone who disrespects me? Do I really have to treat EVERYONE the way that I would be treated even if they don't do the same for me??? Well... the short answer is a resounding YES!

As disciples of Jesus, we are all called to take our life and ethical standards of living to the next level. Sure, it is easy to treat people well who like us or get along with us or do things for us. It is easy to return a compliment to someone who gives us a nice compliment! We can see that all over our culture, this kind of “you do something good for me, and I will do something good for you” mentality. But the Lord is calling us to something much deeper than simply returning favors.

There's an invitation to do good to others, to love others, to show respect for others even when those people do not return the same to us. Just like the Lord said, *“For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do the same” (Luke 6:32-33).*

The life of a disciple is not something that is stagnate, but rather, something that invites us to continue growing and becoming better and better people. That's really how positive changes can happen in the world: by people like you and me taking the high road even when it would be easier to take the lower one. On the high road, we can answer negativity with positivity, we can respond to selfishness with generosity, and we can replace anger and jealousy with love, compassion and mercy.

We can grow in all of this by allowing the grace of God to enter into our mind, heart and soul which we do each day not only through our personal prayer, but especially we gather together at Mass in worship and receive the Sacraments with love.

May God bless us all and show us the way to be beacons of light in the world and our local community today.

*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.

Our next coffee hour will be on **March 9** after the 7:30, 9:00 and 10:30 Masses in the Retreat House.

**CORNERSTONE CORNER**

**Anyone who has made Cornerstone at St. Joseph's Church or elsewhere is welcome!!**

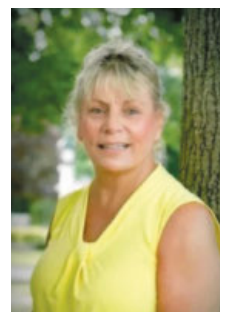
**Key Dates for Men & Women**

**March 7- 8, 2025: WOMEN'S CORNERSTONE WEEKEND at Retreat House**

**March 21-22, 2025: MEN'S CORNERSTONE WEEKEND at Retreat House**



We are excited to share that Dr. Paula Valenti, who for the last few weeks has served as “interim” principal of our school, has generously agreed to remain with us as principal of Joseph's school going forward!



Dr. Valenti's passion for Catholic Education and extensive experience in the fields of education and administration are assets for our school and we are grateful for her “yes” to St. Joseph's! May God bless Dr. Valenti and all of the teachers, staff, families, students, and alumni of our school.

**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 was the fall of the angels?**

This expression indicates that Satan and the other demons, about which Sacred Scripture and the Tradition of the Church speak, were angels, created good by God. They were, however, transformed into evil because with a free and irrevocable choice they rejected God and his Kingdom, thus giving rise to the existence of hell. They try to associate human beings with their revolt against God. However, God has wrought in Christ a sure victory over the Evil One.

**What was the first human sin?**

When tempted by the devil, the first man and woman allowed trust in their Creator to die in their hearts. In their disobedience they wished to become "like God" but without God and not in accordance with God (*Genesis 3:5*). Thus, Adam and Eve immediately lost for themselves and for all their descendants the original grace of holiness and justice.

**What is original sin?**

Original sin, in which all human beings are born, is the state of deprivation of original holiness and justice. It is a sin "contracted" by us not "committed"; it is a state of birth and not a personal act. Because of the original unity of all human beings, it is transmitted to the descendants of Adam "not by imitation, but by propagation". This transmission remains a mystery which we cannot fully understand.

*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)*

**Confirmation Retreat - February 8 and 9**

(Photos provided by Glenn Schneider)



*SPIRITUAL ADOPTION JOURNEY, by the St. Joseph Respect Life Committee*

Respect Life Adoption Journey:  
FEBRUARY - 1 MONTH

I am now 10,000 times larger than I was a month ago (at conception), about the size of a grain of rice! My heart is formed and beating (at 22 days) and it is pumping blood through my blood vessels! My blood type may even be different from my mother's. My placenta is forming, and it will nourish me until I am born. Pray for me as I continue to grow.

*Please continue to pray this prayer daily for the child you have spiritually adopted:*

*“Lord Jesus, Holy Mary, and St. Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion. Lord Jesus, may your peace and your mercy embrace the hearts, minds and souls of the family, friends, and anyone who contemplates or encourages this abortion. Lead them all to conversion and to Your Sacred and Eucharistic Heart.”*

*Offer one Our Father and one Hail Mary. Please pray! This baby is counting on you. Please contact David / MaryFrances Bednarck at [respectlife@sjcnj.org](mailto:respectlife@sjcnj.org) if you have any questions about our spiritual adoption program, which will continue through October (Respect Life Month).*



*Saint Joseph Church Oradell -  
New Milford  
Our Lady of Guadalupe,  
Intercessor of the Unborn  
To help stop the anti-life push in the world, the Church encourages the spiritual adoption of an unborn child. For 9 months, pray daily that one particular but unknown child's life be spared from abortion and be allowed to continue to live.  
The name I wish to give my baby is:*

*Spiritual Adoption Date: \_\_\_\_\_*

Through this program we hope to build a culture of life. Please pray! This baby is counting on you. Feel free to check for updates on the Saint Joseph website, <https://sjcnj.org/spiritual-adoption-journey-2025/>.

*“For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother’s womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Marvelous are Your works!” Psalm 139: 13-14*



*Baptism Blessings*

May God Bless Anne Kelly Linnane, and Luke Thomas Mulrooney as they receive the gift of God’s grace through Baptism. May they always be reminded of God’s unconditional love and His promise to always be with us. Anne Kelly and Luke Thomas were Baptized in a joint ceremony on February 8, 2025.



Anne Kelly Linnane, daughter of Kevin and Mary Alice Linnane



Luke Thomas Mulrooney, son of Daniel and Katharine Mulrooney



**Knights of Columbus**

We build up men in faith and friendship, and together, we build communities that reflect God’s love, especially through our witness to charity. If you think you would like to join to help support our local charities in 2025, please contact St. Joseph/Ascension Council 3814 at 199 River Rd. New Milford, or go online at [kofc.org/3814](http://kofc.org/3814). Our **KofC 2024 Impact Report** is as follows: more than \$1million devoted to disaster relief, 224,696 coats distributed to children in need since 2023, more than \$11million donated to 1,237 pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes for the last two years, over 9.3 million pounds of supplies distributed and over 1.7million people helped, 251,000 care packages sent to Ukraine, 124 Seminarians received scholarships to continue their religious education. Please consider donating or helping by joining. Thanking you in advance for your consideration. Jose Planillo, Grand Knight, Frank DeBari, Financial Secretary.



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**Saint Joseph CYO Track & Field  
Registration Is Now Open!**



Saint Joseph CYO Track & Field invites all parish boys and girls attending Saint Joseph School, or who are enrolled in the parish Religious Education classes (CCD) in grades K-8, to join!

Our exciting program provides an opportunity where children can learn fundamentals as well as develop competitively in track and field. Our program strives to provide a foundation where athletes participate, challenge themselves, and have fun.

Running events offered usually include 50M, 100M, 200M, 400M, 800M, 1600M, & relays. Field events may include long jump, broad jump, shotput, discus and/or turbo javelin. Practices are typically held Tuesday & Friday at 6pm at Bergen Catholic and there are generally 3-5 track meets in which our team will compete.

Parents/volunteers are welcome to assist as coaches or help out at track meets.

The registration fee is \$80 per athlete.

For additional information on the track program, volunteering or registration please email Mike Smith at [msmitty2004@aol.com](mailto:msmitty2004@aol.com). Registration forms and payments can be dropped off at the Saint Joseph lower school office no later than **March 21st**.



**ST. PATRICK'S  
DINNER/DANCE**



Sponsored by the  
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**SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 2025**

**7:00 –11:00 PM**

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**FIRST COMMUNION OUTFITS – Needed**

A child's First Communion is a very special occasion – a day to be celebrated and always remembered.

There are several families in our community, and many just beyond our community, who cannot afford to purchase a Communion outfit for their child. Please help to make another child's First Communion Day one that will be cherished by donating used or new Communion dresses, suits, shirts, ties, head pieces or shoes.

We have set aside ONE DAY when donations will be received: Saturday, March 22nd from 10AM to 2PM at St. John's Parish Center (or call Kathy at 201-666-4185). Please bring all donations clean, on hangers, and covered in plastic.

**LIVE THE LITURGY**

**Inspiration of the Week**

Jesus' message today is one of radical generosity and abundant mercy, and it scandalized the people of his time. It shook them to their core. It should do the same for us. Are we ready to live as Jesus lived? Are we ready to offer love in the face of hate?

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**Bulletin submissions for Sunday, March 9**

Are due by **Friday, February 28.**

[bulletin@sjcnj.org](mailto:bulletin@sjcnj.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](http://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**



**Saint Joseph Parish Staff**

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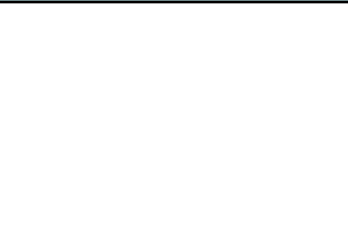
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