

Oradell/New Milford, NJ

Saint Joseph

Roman Catholic Church

Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time ~ March 2, 2025



8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit."
- Lk 6:43**

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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

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Parish Office	105 Harrison St., New Milford	201-261-0148	office@sjcnj.org	sjcnj.org
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Parish Office Hours: Mon.-Fri.: 9:00 am-2:00 pm. PLEASE TELEPHONE FIRST (201-261-0148)



Saturday 5:00 pm	March 1, 2025 Mary Ragno Fabiano
Sunday 7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm	March 2, 2025 People of the Parish Alexander Kamouh Florence Horgan Skevin Felice and Maria Scaglione
Monday 8:30 am	March 3, 2025 Almerindo Accomando 17th Anniversary Remembrance
Tuesday 8:30 am	March 4, 2025 Catherine Kelly
Wednesday 8:30 am 7:30 pm	March 5, 2025 Florence Horgan Onofrio Petrella
Thursday 8:30 am	March 6, 2025 Daniel O'Connor 5th Anniversary Remembrance
Friday 8:30 am	March 7, 2025 Raymond J. Broking
Saturday 8:30 am 5:00 pm	March 8, 2025 Angelina Castro Judene Maron Baglieri
Sunday 7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm	March 9, 2025 Rita Gallagher Lourdes DeLeon Florence Horgan Anne Predonzai

PRAYER REQUESTS

Let us remember all those who are ill:

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, Ed Grube, Bill Schmalz, Emma Campos-Navarro

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.

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

PLEASE NOTE! DATE CHANGE!

Saint Joseph Coffee Hour - This Sunday!

Our next coffee hour will be on **March 2** after the 7:30, 9:00 and 10:30 Masses in the Retreat House.



ANNUAL APPEAL

In-Pew Weekend Is Here

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.



"LORD, IT IS GOOD TO GIVE THANKS TO YOU"

Psalm 92



BREAD & WINE INTENTION

The **Bread and Wine** for the week of **March 2, 2025** Are Offered In Loving Memory Of **Matthew Cesarano** Requested by the Zagroba Family



SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTION

The **Sanctuary Lamp** For the week of **March 2, 2025** Burns in the Upper Church In Loving Memory Of **Joan Kelly** Requested by the Kobus Family

A note from Fr. Christian



“Why do you notice the splinter in your brother’s eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own? How can you say to your brother, ‘Brother, let me remove that splinter in your eye,’ when you do not even notice the

wooden beam in your own eye? You hypocrite! Remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter in your brother’s eye” (Luke Luke 6:41-42).

One of the greatest challenges that we can have as disciples is honest self-reflection. It’s so easy to notice the faults, failures, weaknesses of others, but it can be difficult at times to look inward the mirror at our own! All of us have places in our lives that could use the grace and mercy of God. Self reflection and identifying those places of weakness isn’t about being hard on ourselves or nit picky. It’s not about putting ourselves down. Rather, it’s about honestly looking at our life **with the loving and compassionate presence of God guiding us** and recognizing those places within us that need healing.

This process takes time. It’s not something that happens overnight and it certainly isn’t something that we can do on our own: we lean into and trust in Jesus. Don’t be afraid to take that first step toward healing! Regardless of what we need to work on, we know that the Lord Jesus is with us to give us support, love, comfort, and yes... even words of challenge, so that we can keep improving and becoming better and better disciples. Then like the Scripture says, we will start to see clearly enough, so as to help our brothers and sisters on their path toward healing and wholeness as well.

May God Bless you and your families!

With Prayer,

Fr. Christian

PLEASE NOTE!

The monthly Parish Adoration has been moved to Wednesday, March 12 because of Ash Wednesday.

2025 LENTEN REGULATIONS

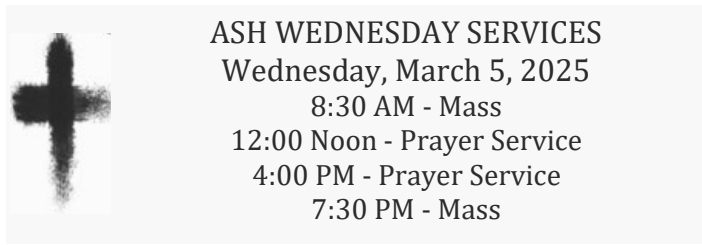
1. The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday**. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.

On a day of **Fast**, only one (1) full meal is permitted, and two (2) smaller meals, which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity. *Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast.*

On a day of **Abstinence**, no meat may be eaten. *Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.*

2. The time for fulfilling the **Paschal Precept** (Easter Duty) extends from the First Sunday of Lent, March 9, 2025 to The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, June 15, 2025.

The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence “substantially” or as a whole, is a serious obligation.



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES
 Wednesday, March 5, 2025
 8:30 AM - Mass
 12:00 Noon - Prayer Service
 4:00 PM - Prayer Service
 7:30 PM - Mass

LOCAL LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

Monday, March 10 @ 7:00 pm - St. Joseph, Oradell
 Monday, March 24 @ 7:00 pm - St. Mary, Dumont
 Saturday, March 29 @ 12:00 pm - St. John, Bergenfield
 Monday, March 31 @ 7:00 pm - St. Therese, Cresskill
 Monday, April 7 @ 7:00 pm - St. Peter, River Edge

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS
 EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT**

Saint Joseph Church will offer the Stations of the Cross in Church, every Friday during Lent at 7:00 pm. You are invited to attend.



SAVE THE DATE!
Parish Fundraiser!
Fish Fry Coming To St. Joseph’s!
Save the date - Friday, March 28, 2025
St. Joseph Parish Fish Fry
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More details to follow

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 other consequences derive from original sin?

In consequence of original sin human nature, without being totally corrupted, is wounded in its natural powers. It is subject to ignorance, to suffering, and to the dominion of death and is inclined toward sin. This inclination is called *concupiscence*.

After the first sin, what did God do?

After the first sin the world was inundated with sin but God did not abandon man to the power of death. Rather, he foretold in a mysterious way in the "Protoevangelium" (*Genesis 3:15*) that evil would be conquered and that man would be lifted up from his fall. This was the first proclamation of the Messiah and Redeemer. Therefore, the fall would be called in the future a "*happy fault*" because it "gained for us so great a Redeemer" (Liturgy of the Easter Vigil).

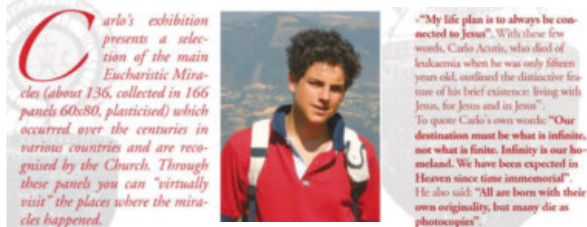
What is the Good News for humanity?

It is the proclamation of Jesus Christ, the "Son of the living God" (*Matthew 16:16*), who died and rose from the dead. In the time of King Herod and the Emperor Caesar Augustus, God fulfilled the promises that he made to Abraham and his descendants. He sent "his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons" (*Galatians 4:4-5*).

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



Coming to St. Joseph Parish on March 22nd & 23rd 2025



In the entire history of the Catholic Church, there have been numerous Eucharistic miracles approved by the Catholic Church as truly worthy of belief. The Vatican Eucharistic Miracles Photographic Exhibition faithfully recounts for us many well documented miraculous occurrences. Knowledge of these miracles strengthens our faith in Christ and His Church. They are visible proof of Jesus Christ's Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist. The Exhibit was created by Blessed Carlo Acutis, a 15 year old from Milan, Italy who was Beatified on October 10, 2020 and will be Canonized on Sunday, April 27, 2025.

Saint Joseph Youth Ministry will host this exhibit, which includes the relic of Carlos Acutis.

Where: Saint Joseph PLC 268 Grove Street, Oradell
When: 3/22/25 4pm-7pm, 3/23/25 8am-2pm



**THE LITTLE BLACK BOOK
A LENTEN COMPANION**

As we prepare to enter into the season of Lent, a time of increased prayer, fasting and almsgiving, we invite you to take home a copy of "The Little Black Book" that are at the doors of the church. Each book contains daily devotionals that we hope will inspire all of us to enter more deeply into this Holy Season.

Harrison House volunteers needed

In March 2024 our parish began donating meals once again to Harrison House. Harrison House in Paramus is a safe and secure home for people living with HIV/AIDS. Over the past year, thanks to our wonderful volunteers, we have been able to provide two meals each month (including a delicious Easter dinner) and the residents have been so grateful. If you like to cook and would be willing to donate a meal, please reach out to Jane Kiernan at jane.kiernan94@gmail.com to be put on the schedule. Not a cook? We will gratefully accept monetary donations or supermarket gift cards to help offset costs.





SAINT JOSEPH RELIGIOUS ED COLLECTS FOR SJCC



Recently our parish CCD students collected items to help stock the Saint Joseph Care Corner. The SJCC relies on these donations to help the local organizations that are in need. Thank you to the Saint Joseph Parish CCD students and families for supporting the mission of the SJCC.

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 - carecorner@sjcnj.org 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...



OPERATION RICE BOWL PICK UP YOURS AT CHURCH DOORS

Through the Lenten tradition of the **CRS Rice Bowl**, families learn about how our sisters and brothers across the globe overcome hardships like hunger and malnutrition, and how through Lenten alms, we have the power to make the world a better place for all.

The **cardboard "rice bowls"** were sent home with our school children and Religious Ed. students. They will also be **available at the doors of the church** for any parishioner wishing to participate. Directions on how to donate will be attached. Or go to crsricebowl.org/ to make a donation online.

VERONICA'S VEIL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Veronica's Veil is a group of faithful parishioners who launder the altar linens used during Mass. If you are interested in helping out, please email Tom Moran at tmoran61@gmail.com

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



Born in Philadelphia, St. Katharine Drexel (November 26, 1858 – March 3, 1955), grew up to become one of the first American-born saints. Her mother passed away when she was only five weeks old. Her father, a renowned banker, remarried a wonderful woman, and together they raised St. Katherine Drexel and her two sisters in a life of privilege. Both financially and spiritually well-endowed, the Drexels were devout Catholics and set an excellent example of true Christian servitude with prayer and care for the poor. After her father's death, St. Katharine considered joining a contemplative order. However, during an audience with the Pope while on a trip to Rome with her sister, when she asked for more missionaries to be sent to the American West, the Pope asked her to become a missionary herself! Now known as the Apostle for Social Justice, St. Katharine gave up her inheritance and instead devoted her life to the material and spiritual well-being of Black and Native Americans. She established the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for Indians and Colored, and together they opened a boarding school in Santa Fe, the first of 50 missions for Native Americans in 16 states. At the time of her death, she had also established a system of 63 schools, including Xavier University in New Orleans, the first Catholic university in the United States for African Americans. Believing that education was the key to opportunity, her love of the Blessed Sacrament sustained her mission.

At 77, she suffered a heart attack and was forced to retire from active ministry. She spent the next 20 years of her life in quiet yet intense prayer. She died at the age of 96 and was canonized in 2000 by Pope John Paul II. St. Katharine Drexel, pray for us!
(LPi)



**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. Registration forms and payments can be dropped off at the Saint Joseph lower school office no later than **March 21st**.

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

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? (LPi)



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



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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! There are several families in 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. Monetary donations will also be accepted. If you or anyone that you know may need an outfit, please contact Kathy.

Thank you so very much!

Bulletin submissions for **Sunday, March 16**

Are due by **Friday, March 7.**

bulletin@sjcnj.org

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Our Mission



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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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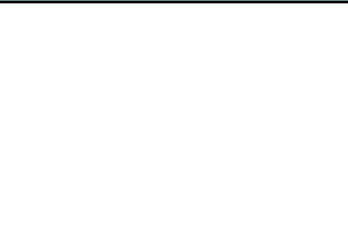
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