



Oradell/New Milford, NJ

Saint Joseph

Roman Catholic Church

Third Sunday Of Lent ~ March 23, 2025

THIRD SUNDAY
OF LENT
"It May Bear Fruit In
The Future."
Luke 13:9

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



3rd Sunday

O F L E N T

"He said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down.'" - Lk 13:7a

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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)



Enjoy a delicious Fish & Chips takeout meal while supporting St. Joseph Church during our Lenten Fundraiser! Pre-order your meal and pick it up at your convenience.

Provided by Tastefully British

Event Details:

Friday, March 28, 2025 from 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

St. Joseph Church Parking Lot : 300 Elm St, Oradell, NJ 07649

Fish & Chips: \$20.00 per meal

Order Details Place your orders by **Wednesday, March 26, 2025**

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

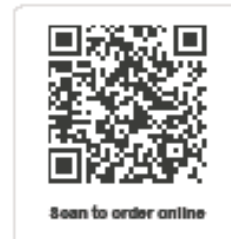
Pickup Time:

- 5:30 PM 5:45 PM 6:00 PM 6:15 PM
- 6:30 PM 6:45 PM 7:00 PM 7:15 PM
- 7:30 PM

Number of Meals: _____ (\$20.00 per meal)

Payment Options

- Cash (at pickup)
- Check (payable to St. Joseph Church)



If you are not ordering online, return this form to the St Joseph parish rectory at: 105 Harrison Street, New Milford, NJ 07646 by **Wednesday, March 26, 2025**

Thank you for supporting St. Joseph Church!

Questions? Contact David Bednarcik at (551) 804-8839 or email: dbednarcik@gmail.com

A note from Fr. Christian



The OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults), formerly known as the RCIA, is a process in the Church that allows baptized Catholic adults to complete their Sacramental initiation into the Church, those baptized in other Christian faiths to become Catholic, and those who have not been baptized to enter into the Church at Easter! These past two weekends, our parish was blessed to bring many adults to the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark to celebrate the Call to Continuing Conversion and the Rite of Election (see the many pictures online at our community page!). Both of these celebrations are milestones in the formation process for adults who desire to enter fully into the Catholic Church or who desire to convert to Catholicism.

This year, we are so privileged to have many adults in our OCIA program, including one person who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil, thereby becoming a fully initiated member of the Catholic Church. It is inspiring to have so many people who desire to share our faith and I am grateful to Melinda Rabbia and Fred Fakharzadeh for their dedicated work with our OCIA members.

If you or anyone you know has not fully completed their Sacraments or would like to become Catholic, please do not hesitate to reach out to us! God is calling all of us to deeper conversion and the OCIA is a beautiful starting point for many to get closer to Jesus: *“Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, [then] I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with me” (Revelation 3:20).*

*With prayer,
Fr. Christian*

A Call to Prayer, Adoration, and Reconciliation for the Jubilee 2025

All are invited to participate in one hour of **Eucharistic Adoration** following our **8:30AM Daily Mass on Friday, March 28th in Mary’s Chapel**, as we join with other parishes throughout Bergen County in praying in a special way for the gift of Hope during this Jubilee Year of Hope.

MINISTRY OF MOTHERHOOD - LENTEN SOUP SUPPER
Wednesday, March 26 at 7 pm @ St. Joseph PLC
Kindly RSVP by Tuesday, March 25th
ministryofmotherhoodsjc@gmail.com
Suggested donation \$5.00
For more information, please call Jeannie 201-725-1131



Some of the OCIA group for the “Rite of Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion” at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark . Pictured are: Jasmin’s sponsor Emily, Candidate Jasmin LePage, Candidate Cynthia Olouasa, CJ’s sponsor Pat Crane, Candidate CJ Lang, OCIA Team member Roy Williams, Candidate Nicole Higman, OCIA Director and Guadalupe’s sponsor Melinda Rabbia, Maria Guadalupe Pizarro Esquivel, and Deacon George Montalvo.



Fred Fakharzadeh (OCIA Team) carrying the Book of the Elect, Pam Lawler (the Elect), Melinda Rabbia (OCIA Team, Pam’s sponsor), and Father Christian, at the Cathedral for the Rite of Election celebrated by Cardinal Tobin.



CELEBRATING A SPECIAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY?

The Archdiocese would like to honor those couples who celebrate **five, twenty-five and fifty years of Christian marriage** in the year 2025!

These anniversary liturgies will take place in the **Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart** in Newark on **June 1, 2025 at 3:00 PM**

IMPORTANT: You **MUST** notify our parish secretary **Gerry Carolan no later than April 29** so we can send your name to the Archdiocese. They will then send you further information about the celebration.

Immediate Opening:
Saint Joseph School seeks a 5th Grade teacher to finish the 2024 - 2025 school year.
Interested candidates should send resume to: valentip@sjsusa.org





Saturday 5:00 pm	March 22, 2025 Edward and Marguerite Jackson
Sunday 7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm	March 23, 2025 People of the Parish Merliga DeLeon Stephen J. Tabone Peter Eckert
Monday 8:30 am	March 24, 2025 Tom Piersa
Tuesday 8:30 am	March 25, 2025 Maryellen Mannarino
Wednesday 8:30 am	March 26, 2025 Arthur J. Duffy
Thursday 8:30 am	March 27, 2025 Catherine Muller
Friday 8:30 am	March 28, 2025 Teresita Tumang
Saturday 8:30 am 5:00 pm	March 29, 2025 Deceased Members of the Melo, Dias and Almeida Families Ethel Stewart
Sunday 7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm	March 30, 2025 People Of The Parish Deceased Members of the Spiniello, Mauro, Cina and DePeri Families Fidela Sunga Capati Family ~ Living

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

“The Lord is my light and my salvation.”
Psalm 27



BREAD & WINE INTENTION

The Bread and Wine
for the week of
March 23, 2025
Are Offered
For The Honor and Glory of God

PRAYER REQUESTS

Let us remember all those who are ill:

Angela Schimpf, Cian Dankin, Jim Smith,
Clara Ebertz, Barbara Gillen, Michael Relucio,
Patrick Valentino, Ed Grube, Bill Schmalz,
Emma Campos-Navarro, Joseph Ardolino,
Elaine Moran, Ciril Kearney, Manuel Relucio,
Annette Linder

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.

Edward Barrow, Allen C. Good

Let us remember those serving in our military:

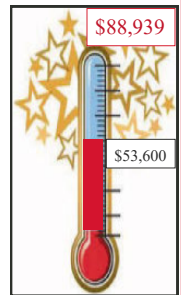
Capt. Harry Aquino USAF, 2LT Michael Kirwan USAF
Chaplain (Capt.) Father AJ De Silva USAR,
CWO2 Brian P. McCarthy USMC,
Capt. Christopher Bascomb, USAR

ANNUAL APPEAL 2025

To date 95 families have pledged a total of \$53,600 which is 60.27% of our assigned parish goal of \$88,939.

Please Help Us Reach Our Goal

The Parish needs \$35,339 more in pledges in order for the parish to qualify for a 2% reduction in our annual Archdiocesan Assessment. This is a savings of approximately \$18,000 for our parish. Please consider making a donation to the Annual Appeal. Pledge envelopes are at the doors of the church. You can return it in the collection basket next week or mail it to the parish office at 105 Harrison Street, New Milford, NJ 07646. You may also make your donation online at www.rcan.org/sharing or by scanning the QR code. Please make sure to select Saint Joseph Church, New Milford, Parish #564. Thank you for your prayers and support.



SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTION



The Sanctuary Lamp
For the week of
March 23, 2025
Burns in the Upper Church
In Celebration Of
Maura and Gary Berger's Wedding
Requested by Mary and Eamon McCarthy

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!

Why did the Son of God become man?

For us men and for our salvation, the Son of God became incarnate in the womb of the Virgin Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit. He did so to reconcile us sinners with God, to have us learn of God's infinite love, to be our model of holiness and to make us "partakers of the divine nature" (2 Peter 1:4).

What does the word "Incarnation" mean?

The Church calls the mystery of the wonderful union of the divine and human natures in the one divine Person of the Word the "Incarnation". To bring about our salvation the Son of God was made "flesh" (John 1:14) and became truly man. Faith in the Incarnation is a distinctive sign of the Christian faith.

In what way is Jesus Christ true God and true man?

Jesus is inseparably true God and true man in the unity of his divine Person. As the Son of God, who is "begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father," he was made true man, our brother, without ceasing to be God, our Lord.

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

***SPIRITUAL ADOPTION JOURNEY - by the St. Joseph Respect Life Committee
MARCH - 2 MONTHS***

I am about the size of a black bean and weigh about 1/3 of an ounce.

My organs (heart, brain, stomach, liver, kidneys, lungs) have formed and my brain waves can be recorded. I have started to move around! I can even swallow. Thank you for praying for mommy and me.

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 Bednarcik at 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: _____
"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.*

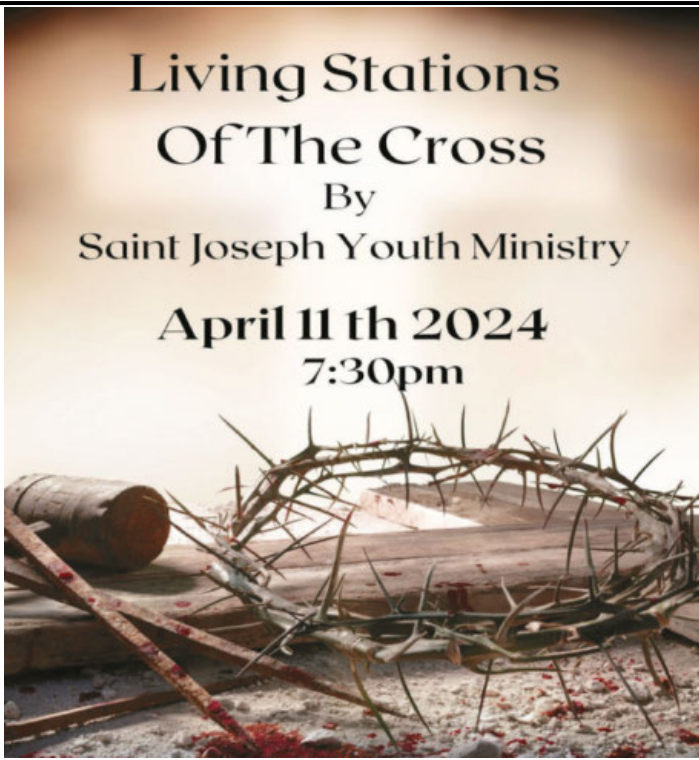
"Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you."

-Jeremiah 1:5

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



Living Stations
Of The Cross
By
Saint Joseph Youth Ministry

April 11th 2024
7:30pm

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!

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 on Tues/Fridays at Bergen Catholic and there are generally 3-5 league track meets in which our team will compete.

The registration fee is \$80 per athlete.

Registration link: <https://doodlio.com/#/reg/10300/1219>

Registration payments can be dropped off in the St. Joseph lower school office by **March 28th, 2025**.

Parents and volunteers are welcome to assist as coaches or to help at track meets. For additional information on the track program, volunteering or registration please email Mike Smith at msmitty2004@aol.com.

Easter Flowers Donations

Donations for flowers and decorations to adorn our church during the Easter season can be made in memory of a loved one or for a special intention.

Please use the envelope you received in the mail or pick up an envelope at the doors of the church. Be sure to print the name of the deceased or special intention and your name. Checks (\$10 per name/family) made out to Saint Joseph Church may be put in the collection basket or dropped off or mailed to 105 Harrison Street, New Milford, NJ 07646.

LOCAL LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

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

Pilgrimage to France led by Fr. AJ DeSilva, pastor of St. Peter the Apostle Church, River Edge, NJ

Date: October 13-20, 2025 **Price:** beginning at \$3,995 per person. Flying in and out of Newark, NJ

Locations: Ars, Lyon, Paray-Le-Monial, Burgundy, Chartres, Lisieux, Normandy, Roen, Paris.

Enrollment Deadline: April 1, 2025 For Questions or to request a brochure, contact Peter's Way Tours at (516) 605-1551 or peter@petersway.com

Bulletin submissions for **Sunday, April 6**
Are due by **Friday, March 28**.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CORNERSTONE CORNER

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

Meet in the **Retreat House**

MEN:

Monthly meetings - 3rd Wednesday of month-7:30pm

WOMEN:

April 9 at 7:30 pm - Reunion Meeting (RH)

Monthly meetings-2nd Wednesday of month-7:30 pm

MEN & WOMEN:

May 21 at 7:30: Commitment Service in Mary's Chapel

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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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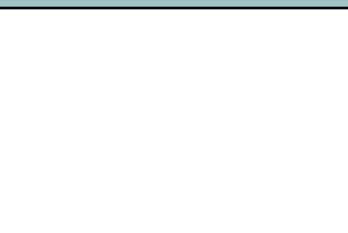
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