

Oradell/New Milford, NJ

Saint Joseph

Roman Catholic Church

Fourth Sunday Of Lent ~ March 30, 2025

**FOURTH SUNDAY
OF LENT**

“Let us celebrate
with a feast.”

Luke 15:24



4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

“This son of mine was dead, and has
come to life again.” - Lk 15:24a

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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)



Saturday 5:00 pm	March 29, 2025 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
Monday 8:30 am	March 31, 2025 Florence Guerzom
Tuesday 8:30 am	April 1, 2025 Mary Jane Barber
Wednesday 8:30 am	April 2, 2025 Robert Fleming
Thursday 8:30 am	April 3, 2025 Ann Maron
Friday 8:30 am	April 4, 2025 Lia and Kachel Families
Saturday 8:30 am 5:00 pm	April 5, 2025 Bill Marion, Jr. William James Sweeney
Sunday 7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm	April 6, 2025 People Of The Parish Salvatore and Geraldine Caruso Hugo DelBove 35th Anniversary Remembrance Craig Schmaltz

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

“Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.”
Psalm 34



BREAD & WINE INTENTION

The **Bread and Wine**
for the week of
March 30, 2025
Are Offered
For The Honor and Glory of God

PRAYER REQUESTS

Let us remember all those who are ill:

Cian Dankin, 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, Carol Bell

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

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

ANNUAL ²⁰²⁵ APPEAL

To date 110 families have pledged a total of \$58,335 which is 65.59% of our assigned parish goal of \$88,939.

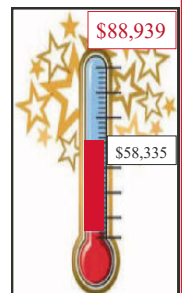
Please Help Us Reach Our Goal

The Parish needs \$30,604 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.



A note from Fr. Christian

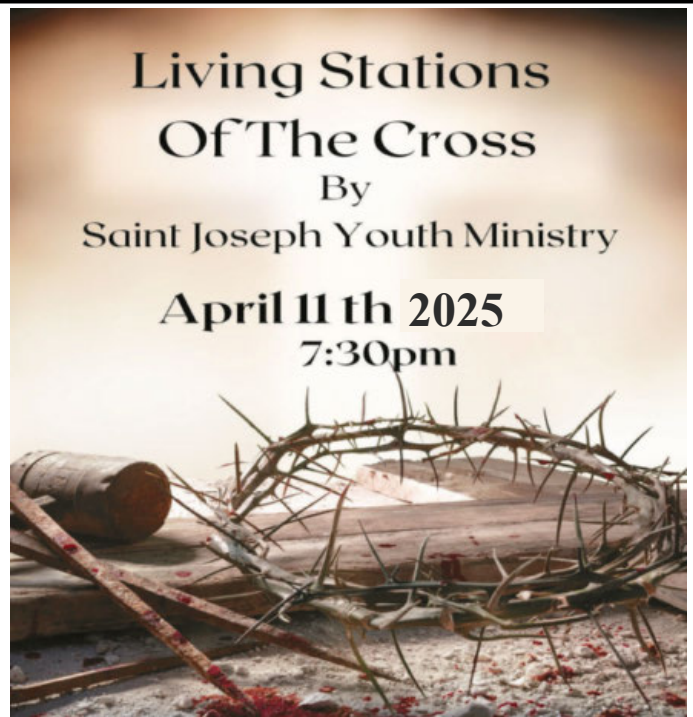


Firstly, I would like to express my sincere thanks to all who helped to make our first parish Lenten fish fry a success! There was a lot of effort put into planning behind the scenes and on the day of the event and I am very grateful for everyone's hard work. Thank you also for the many orders that were put in and for the unwavering support that you all show for our parish community. Together we will continue making our parish a beacon of Jesus' love here in our community and a welcoming place for all who desire to grow in relationship with the Lord.

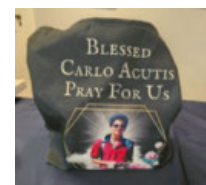
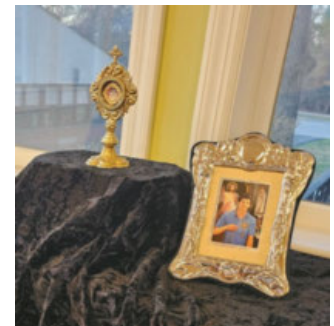
This Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Lent, is also known as Laetare Sunday- a day which invites all of us to find peace and joy even amidst our 40 day journey through the desert. We are turning the corner! Easter is on its way. In life, even when times get hard or when we feel that we're walking in the dry hot desert, we can always look to the Lord Jesus to be our strength and to give us hope. Despite the heavy burdens we may be carrying, there is light at the end of the tunnel! St. Paul communicates that hope in the Scriptures when he says, "*I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us*" (Romans 8:18).

As we approach the final weeks of our Lenten journey, I think it's a good time for all of us to keep our spiritual life nourished by renewing the commitments we made at the beginning of this season: to deepen our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. These practices, especially with our attendance at Mass and reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, will have a positive impact on our mind, heart, and soul so that we can be well prepared to welcome the Easter season and experience the refreshment and peace that comes from authentically following Christ.

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



The Saint Joseph Youth Ministry hosted a relic of the blessed Carlos Acutis, with multiple placards, explaining all the Eucharistic miracles that he documented.





Pam Lawler, who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil, was presented with the Creed following the first Scrutiny, which takes place on the 3rd Sunday of Lent. L-R is Father Christian, Sarah Lawler, Pam Lawler, Jim Lawler, Melinda Rabbia (OCIA Team and sponsor), and Fred Fakharzadeh (OCIA Team). Please continue to pray for Pam on her faith journey! (Mar. 2025)



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.

2025 -2026 School Year opening: SJS seeks a full-time teacher for fifth grade. Salary commensurate with certification and experience. Send resume to: valentip@sjsusa.org



SHOP RITE HOLIDAY DINNER DEALS

Do you have a Shop Rite Holiday Dinner Deal that you would like to donate to the **Church of the Ascension food pantry**? Requirements are that you spend **\$400** at Shop Rite from **Sunday, March 9, through Saturday, April 19**, to qualify. No need to pick it up. If you qualify and would like to donate your free Holiday Dinner item, please call the Ascension Church Parish office at 201-836-8961 and provide (1) your name, (2) Shop Rite Price Plus number and (2) your telephone number. The Ascension Parish food pantry volunteers will be happy to pick it up for you and give it to their food pantry clients. Thank you!



PALM SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE AT SAINT JOSEPH APRIL 12-13

Our Palm Sunday Food Drive will take place on **Saturday, April 12, and Sunday, April 13**. Please bring your donations to the Rectory garage **BEFORE 1:15pm** on **Sunday**. Your generous donations will go to those in need at local pantries. Below is a list of items often requested. Please be sure that the food is **NOT EXPIRED**. Items in **bold** most needed.

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| Apple Sauce | Laundry Detergent |
| Baby Food | Mac and Cheese |
| Baked Beans | Mayonnaise |
| Beans (dried or canned) | Milk (powdered/canned) |
| Beef Stew (Canned) | Mustard |
| Bread Crumbs | Napkins |
| Brownie Mix | Pancake Mix |
| Canned Chicken | Pancake Syrup |
| Canned Mushrooms | Paper Towels |
| Canned Peaches & Pears | Pasta & Pasta Sauce |
| Canned Spinach | Peanut Butter |
| Canned Tuna Fish | Potatoes - Instant (boxed) |
| Canned White Potatoes | Raisins |
| Cereal: | Razors |
| Cheerios - Regular | Rice - Brown & Instant |
| Cheerios - Honey Nut | Salad Dressings |
| Corn Flakes | Sauerkraut |
| Raisin Bran | Shampoo & Conditioner |
| Rice Krispies | Shaving Cream |
| Chef-Boy-R-Dee (ANY) | Soap - BARS |
| Chili | Soups - BEEF |
| Coffee - Reg & Decaf | Soups - Beef Broth |
| Cookies | Soups - Chicken Broth |
| Crackers | Soups - Tomato |
| Deodorant - Women's | Soups - Vegetable |
| Diapers - Sizes 4,5,6 | SPAM |
| Diapers - PULLUPS | Sugar |
| Dishwashing Liquid | Salt/Pepper/Etc. |
| Egg Noodles | Tea (Hot) |
| Flour | Tea (Iced Tea Mix) |
| Jello / Pudding | Tissues |
| Juice - Apple | Toilet Paper |
| Juice- Cranberry | Toothbrushes |
| Juice - Grape | Toothpaste |
| Ketchup | |

If you prefer, you may make a **monetary donation**. Please make your **check payable to "Saint Joseph Church"** and mark the envelope **"Food Drive."** You may drop it off at the Rectory garage during the food drive hours on April 12-13 or drop it off at the parish office (105 Harrison Street, New Milford). Your generous donations will be a blessing to many. Thank you and God bless you!

"Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink?...Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did it to me." Matthew 25:37, 40

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 does the Council of Chalcedon (in the year 451) teach in this regard?

The Council of Chalcedon teaches us to confess "one and the same Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, perfect in his humanity, true God and true man, composed of rational soul and body, consubstantial with the Father by his divinity, and consubstantial with us by his humanity, 'like us in all things but sin' (*Hebrews 4:15*), begotten from the Father before all ages as to his divinity, and in these last days, for us and for our salvation, born of Mary, the Virgin and Mother of God, as to his humanity."

How does the Church set forth the Mystery of the Incarnation?

The Church confesses that Jesus Christ is true God and true man, with two natures, a divine nature and a human nature, not confused with each other but united in the Person of the Word. Therefore, in the humanity of Jesus all things - his miracles, his suffering, and his death - must be attributed to his divine Person which acts by means of his assumed human nature.

"O Only-begotten Son and Word of God you who are immortal, you who deigned for our salvation to become incarnate of the holy Mother of God and ever Virgin Mary (...) You who are one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit, save us!" (Byzantine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom)

Did the incarnate Son of God have a soul with human knowledge?

The Son of God assumed a body animated by a rational human soul. With his human intellect Jesus learned many things by way of experience; but also as man the Son of God had an intimate and immediate knowledge of God his Father. He likewise understood people's secret thoughts and he knew fully the eternal plans which he had come to reveal.

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



Oradell-Emerson Rotary Club Collects for the SJCC



The Oradell-Emerson Rotary Club continued their support of the SJCC with their latest collection on March 15th. Included as part of their food drive, personal care items, pictured above, were also advertised as part of the drive and collected. Many thanks to those individuals who donated & also to the members of the Rotary Club who stood in the chilly weather for hours to accept the donations!

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...



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**Lent – Sacrifice – Donations Bins
– Any Connection?**

Lent is a time of sacrifice in order to bring us closer to Christ. As we move closer to Christ, we become more charitable. Would you be willing to sacrifice your time and efforts to go through your closet and donate any unwanted items to the Catholic Charities Donation Bin located on the property?

If you do, you have made the connection.

Don Bosco Spring Open House - Thursday, April 3 at 6:30 PM

Immaculate Heart Academy is proud to present *Matilda the Musical*, on the weekend of April 4-6, 2025.

Respect Life Lenten prayer

Father of all mercy, we thank you for this Lenten season of grace and light. Draw us ever closer to you, in prayer and penance. We ask that we may see, as never before, the profound dignity of every human life, including the vulnerable unborn children. Give us grace to defend our brothers and sisters in the womb by our prayers, our words, and our self-sacrificing actions. We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Saint Joseph Prayer Shawl Ministry will have its next meeting on **April 9, 2025** from **11 am to 1 pm**, in the Parish Life Center. We warmly welcome new members who know how to knit or crochet.

Saint Joseph Coffee Hour



Our next coffee hour will be on **April 6** after the 7:30, 9:00 and 10:30 Masses in the Retreat House.

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 31 @ 7:00 pm - St. Therese, Cresskill
Monday, April 7 @ 7:00 pm - St. Peter, River Edge

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

Bulletin submissions for **Sunday, April 13**
Are due by **Friday, April 4.**

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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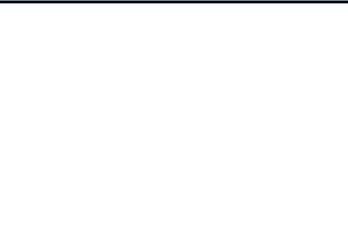
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