

Oradell/New Milford, NJ

Saint Joseph Roman Catholic Church Second Sunday Of Easter ~ April 27, 2025

Whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we come to realize that He is already there, waiting for us with open arms.

POPE FRANCIS 1936 - 2025

105 Harrison St., New Milford

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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.

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Parish Registration

Please Contact Parish Office

Youth Ministry

Religious Education

Saint Joseph School

the Greenhouse PreK

Office

Parish Office

Meets in the PLC

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- Saturdav April 26, 2025 8:30 am Carmela Naccarella 5:00 pm Mary B. Sweeney Sunday April 27, 2025 7:30 am People of the Parish **Robert Holmes** 9:00 am George Carter 10:30 am **Robert Holmes** 12:00 pm Monday April 28, 2025 **Robert Holmes** 8:30 am Repose of the soul of Pope Francis 7:00 pm Tuesday April 29, 2025 8:30 am Eamon G. McCarthy Anniversary Remembrance
- Wednesday April 30, 2025
- 8:30 am Dr. Ernesto Acosta
- ThursdayMay 1, 20258:30 amGary Mazzie
- FridayMay 2, 20258:30 amRobert Holmes
- Saturday May 3, 2025
- 8:30 amVi Strodtman5:00 pmWalter and Gerry Smith

Sunday May 4, 2025

7:30 amPeople Of The Parish9:00 amCraig Schmaltz10:30 amMarie Flieger12:00 pmRobert Holmes

"Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting." Psalm 118



BREAD & WINE INTENTION

The **Bread and Wine** for the week of **April 27, 2025** Are Offered In Loving Memory Of **William A. and Mary Schuber** Requested by Pat, Terry and Elaine Schuber

PRAYER REQUESTS

Let us remember all those who are ill: Barbara Gillen, Michael Relucio, Patrick Valentino, Ed Grube, Bill Schmalz, Emma Campos-Navarro, Joseph Ardolino, Elaine Moran, Ciril Kearney, Manuel Relucio, Annette Linder, Guillermo Valencia, Cian Dankin, Angela Schimpf, Agnes White

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. Tammy Geist Long

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, LCpl Joseph Rabanal (USMCR)

Saint Joseph's Legion of Mary's **Divine Mercy Sunday** celebration on April 27 is at 2:00 PM in Mary's Chapel. Devotions will include Adoration, Confession, a Rosary for Pope Francis, and Divine Mercy Prayers.

PLEASE NOTE! There will be NO NOVENA on Monday, April 28

ANNUAL²⁰²⁵APPEAL

To date 147 families have pledged a total of \$80,285 which is 90.27% of our assigned parish goal of \$88,939.

PLEASE HELP US REACH OUR GOAL

The Parish needs \$8,654 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 <u>www.rcan.org/</u> <u>sharing</u> 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.



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A note from Fr. Christian



Happy Easter! Yes indeed we can still say Happy Easter and can continue to do so for this entire season. The gift of the life, death, and resurrection of Christ is central to our faith and we should celebrate His glorious victory

over sin and death with enthusiasm! I hope you all enjoyed the Easter festivities with family, friends or maybe even in some peace and quiet home together with the Lord. A sincere thank you to **everyone** who worked so hard to make our Holy Week and Easter Sunday celebrations so beautiful including our Parish Staff, Music Ministry, Masters of Ceremonies, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers (adult and youth), Ushers, those who helped to decorate the church, and of course, everyone who attended those ceremonies with such heartfelt and prayerful devotion!

Today we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, first established by St. John Paul II in the year 2000. It is a day where we place a particular emphasis on the boundless love and mercy that flowed forth from the heart of Christ on the cross. We are all in need of healing! As Catholics, we lean into the Sacred Heart of Jesus to receive grace which we couldn't possibly obtain from this world. Jesus delights in giving us forgiveness and mercy! We've all been so busy during this Easter season and Divine Mercy Sunday can give us a great opportunity to simply sit calmly in the Lord's presence, to rest, and to pray.

May God bless you and your families as we continue to place our faith in Jesus as we join in saying, "Jesus I trust in You!"

With Prayer,

Fr. Christian

His Holiness POPE FRANCIS 1936-2025

December 17, 1936 Born Jorge Mario Bergoglio December 13, 1969 Ordained Priest of the Society of Jesus June 27, 1992 Ordained Titular Bishop of Auca and Auxiliary Bishop of Buenos Aires June 3, 1997 Appointed Coadjutor Archbishop of Buenos Aires February 28, 1998 Succeeded Archbishop of Buenos Aires February 21, 2001 Created Cardinal-Priest of San Roberto Bellarmino March 13, 2013 Elected Pope Francis March 19, 2013 Inaugurated Petrine Ministry of the Bishop of Rome April 21, 2025 **Entered Eternal Life**

As a parish community we mourn the death of Pope Francis together with the Universal Church and pray for the repose of his soul and consolation of his family, friends, and indeed us, the faithful. We give thanks for his steadfast witness to God's love and mercy in the world. May he be welcomed into the everlasting joy of Heaven with the Risen Jesus.

All are invited to our Divine Mercy Holy Hour this Sunday at 2pm in Mary's Chapel where we will pray the Rosary for Pope Francis as we mourn his passing.

Please also join us for a Mass for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis on Monday, April 28th at 7pm in the Upper Church.

As part of the **We Are His Witnesses** initiative launched by Cardinal Tobin in January and along with all parishes in the Archdiocese, St Joseph Parish will be participating in a survey conducted by the Catholic Leadership Institute called the Disciple Maker Index Survey. Insights from this brief, confidential survey will help us to assess our strengths and greatest opportunities, as well as to use facts and your perspectives in guiding a direction forward for the Archdiocese. Look for more information about this survey in the coming week. We encourage you to participate and share your voice!



Pam Lawler received all her Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation) at the beautiful Easter Vigil Mass.

L-R: Jim Lawler (Pam's husband), Fred Fakharzadeh (OCIA Team, godfather), Fr. Christian, Pam, Fr. John,



Thanks to all who donated to our Palm Sunday food drive. Your donations were very appreciated by the St. Joseph Care Corner and the food pantries at the Church of the Ascension in New Milford and the Fr. English Food Pantry (Catholic Charities) in Paterson. (Photos and caption provided by Felecia Braun)





PARISH COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

FOOD

Volunteers are needed to help serve lunch at Eva's Village, located at 393 Main Street, in Paterson, NJ on **Tuesdays - 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.

Saint Joseph School seeks a part-time maintenance person to work Monday through Friday 4pm -6 (6:30)pm. Interested individuals should contact the school at: (201) 261-2388.



The first Thursday of May is the **National Day Of Prayer**. This is a great reminder to pray for our nation, our leaders, our media, and each other!

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!

How does Mary cooperate in the divine plan of salvation?

By the grace of God Mary was kept free from every personal sin her whole life long. She is the one who is "full of grace" (*Luke* 1:28), "the all holy". When the angel announced to her that she would give birth to "the Son of the Most High" (*Luke* 1:32), she freely gave her consent with "the obedience of faith" (*Romans* 1:5). Mary thus gave herself entirely to the person and work of her Son Jesus, espousing wholeheartedly the divine will regarding salvation.

What does the virginal conception of Jesus mean?

The virginal conception of Jesus means that Jesus was conceived in the womb of the Virgin solely by the power of the Holy Spirit without the intervention of a man. He is the Son of the heavenly Father according to his divine nature and the Son of Mary according to his human nature. He is, however, truly the Son of God in both natures since there is in him only one Person who is divine.

In what sense is Mary "ever Virgin"?

Mary is ever virgin in the sense that she "remained a virgin in conceiving her Son, a virgin in giving birth to him, a virgin in carrying him, a virgin in nursing him at her breast, always a virgin" (Saint Augustine). Therefore, when the Gospels speak of the "brothers and sisters of Jesus", they are talking about the close relations of Jesus, according to the way of speaking used in Sacred Scripture.

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



Saint Joseph Youth Ministry beautifully presented Living Stations of the Cross on Friday, April 11.





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.

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 **May 4** after the 7:30, 9:00 and 10:30 Masses in the Retreat House, behind the church.

<u>12 Noon Mass in Mary's Chapel on Sunday, May 18</u>

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Sunday, May 18 at 12 Noon. This Mass will take place in the **Upper Church**. The scheduled 12 Noon Sunday Mass will be celebrated in Mary's Chapel on May 18.

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**

WOMEN:

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

Monthly meetings - 3rd Wednesday of month -7:30 pm **MEN & WOMEN:**

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

A Note Of Thanks ~ The staff of the Food Pantry at Ascension Church in New Milford would like to offer our sincere thanks to all that donated food to your recent collection, as well as those who sent us your ShopRite Price Plus card numbers to receive Hams for our pantry clients. The help that St. Joseph's Parish gives us during each year is very much appreciated. Please know that all of your donations are going to those in need. We thank you and wish you a Blessed Easter Season.



The Knights of Columbus 3814 of Ascension and St. Joseph's Church New Milford/Oradell, NJ, wishes to give a huge

thanks to our parishioners, benefactors and sponsors.

We have raised \$4,000 to support our growing needs for charitable programs like the food pantry, Scholarship to students entering Catholic High School,

Right to life, and the seminarian fund, etc.. Hope you can join us next year on March 14, 2026! Vivat Jesus! Jose M. Planillo GK, Tom Stephens DGK, Ed De Acevedo PGK, Frank DiBarri PGK, Bob Osterlof PGK, Roy Williams, Michael Fernandez, and Rev. Fr. David Milliken

JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE 2025

Annunciation Church - 50 W. Midland Ave., Paramus, NJ Presents A Pilgrimage Of Hope Family Concert With Tony Melendez, on Thursday, May 8 at 7pm.

Tony was born without arms because his mother was prescribed a drug for morning sickness. He wore artificial arms but felt he was more proficient working with his feet. Unable to become a priest due to his disability, he composed music for Masses and church related events. He played for Pope John Paul II in 1987, to which the Pope responded with a kiss.

For more information please call 201-261-6322 or email info@annunciationchurch.org.

All are welcome. Good Will collection at the door.

Bulletin submissions for **Sunday, May 11** Are due by **Friday, May 2**.

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.



To View Our

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.



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