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Saint Joseph

Roman Catholic Church

Fifth Sunday Of Easter ~ May 18, 2025



5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

I give you a new commandment:
love one another." - Jn 13:34a

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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

**Order of Christian Initiation
of Adults / OCIA**

Parish Registration

Please Contact Parish Office

Parish Office Hours: Mon.-Fri.: 9:00 am-2:00 pm. PLEASE TELEPHONE FIRST (201-261-0148)

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK

Saturday **May 17, 2025**
5:00 pm Carmela DeBenedetto

Sunday **May 18, 2025**
7:30 am People of the Parish
9:00 am Frank Fauci
10:30 am Katherine Strobach
12:00 pm Sean Healy

Monday **May 19, 2025**
8:30 am Mary Glynn

Tuesday **May 20, 2025**
8:30 am William A. Schuber

Wednesday **May 21, 2025**
8:30 am Fred and Ethel Pedrick

Thursday **May 22, 2025**
8:30 am John Connolly

Friday **May 23, 2025**
8:30 am Kathleen Puglise

Saturday **May 24, 2025**
8:30 am Maria Kasica
5:00 pm Mary Passaretti-Tucci

Sunday **May 25, 2025**
7:30 am People Of The Parish
9:00 am George J. Collantes
10:30 am Angela Turchon
12:00 pm Phyllis Comey

"I will praise your name forever, my king and
my God."
Psalm 145



BREAD INTENTION

The Bread
for the week of
May 18, 2025
Is Offered For
**Protection of babies in the womb
and their families.**

PRAYER REQUESTS

Let us remember all those who are ill:

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,
Rosemary Yessi, Louise Scarano, Pat Crane,
Barbara Gillen, Josephine Fernandez

*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,
LCpl Joseph Rabanal (USMCR)

After serving us for many decades, our main
air conditioning unit in the upper church
has now broken beyond repair. As a result,
we are in the process of replacing the unit
so our church can remain comfortable during the hot
summer months. If anyone is interested in helping us
to offset the expenses associated with this project,
please reach out to our business manager
Phyllis Vrola at vrolap@sjcnj.org or call our parish
office at 201-261-0148.



May Crowning - May 31

The Legion of Mary invites everyone to
attend our May Crowning on **Saturday,
May 31** in Mary's Chapel immediately
following the 8:30 am Mass. The service
will include the rosary, Marian hymns, and
conclude with the crowning of the statue of the
Blessed Virgin Mary. Please join us for this beautiful
yearly event.



SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTION

The Sanctuary Lamp

For the week of
May 18, 2025

Burns in the Upper Church
In Loving Memory Of

**Alexander and Mary Mauro and
Paul and Connie Spiniello**

Requested by Alan and Terry Spiniello

A note from Fr. Christian



The month of May certainly has been a beautiful month for our parish! Not only have we celebrated First Communions for **over 50** of our children, this past Friday and Sunday, we celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation for **over 50** of our youth! What a privilege it is for our parish to have so many young people and families experiencing the joy of receiving the Sacraments of Initiation and to see this growth in our faith right before our eyes. It's exciting! It's inspiring! The faith is alive and it is an absolute privilege and delight to be able to witness it here at St. Joseph's.

Our Lord Jesus says to us, *"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another"* (John 13:34-35). The love which Jesus speaks of is one that is self-giving and marked by a willingness to put others before ourselves. It's a love that he showed to us most profoundly that day when he went to the Cross and offered his very life to save us from our sin. Every time we practice our faith, most significantly by attending Mass, receiving the Sacraments, and even in our own prayer, we tap into that ever flowing fountain of God's grace to receive the strength that we need to love and support each other here on Earth.

Life can be hard sometimes. It can be challenging to more fully love others when we're worried about things going on in our own life. We might be experiencing challenges inside our mind and heart that haven't even been spoken aloud. But in the midst of it all, may we remember that Jesus is with us, that he hears our voice calling out to him, and that he responds with a flood of love and mercy that not only gives us strength to overcome our own challenges, but also to love and support others through theirs.

May God bless you and your families today and always.

With prayer,

Fr. Christian



HABEMUS PAPAM

"Let us work together to build bridges through dialogue and encounter, that we may become one people, living always in peace." Pope Leo XIV

ANNUAL ²⁰²⁵ APPEAL

THANK YOU, WE DID IT!
SAINT JOSEPH PARISH HAS EXCEEDED ITS GOAL

Father Christian extends his deepest appreciation to our parishioners for their generous and overwhelming response to the Annual Appeal.
We have surpassed our parish goal of \$88,939.

\$90,859 Pledges Received to Date
\$77,296 Pledges Paid to Date
\$13,563 Unpaid Pledges



Please be sure to fulfill your pledge as soon as possible. All pledges must be paid by June 30 in order for our parish to qualify for a 2% reduction in our parish assessment, which is a savings of approximately \$18,000 and the parish will get back 50% of all monies received beyond our goal.



The Saint Joseph Church Adult Choir
Invites you to

Coffee Hour



SUNDAY | June 1, 2025
After the 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 am Masses

Come share food & conversation with some of
the most "vocal" members of our parish!



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This will be the FINAL coffee hour before summer break. We meet after the 7:30, 9:00 and 10:30 Masses in the Retreat House, behind the church.

Adult Sacraments

Do you know an unbaptized adult who wants to be learn more about the Catholic faith?
"OCIA" (the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a process of welcome and exploration open to any adult, which prepares adults to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation. Please contact Melinda at ocia@sjcnj.org for more information, and to learn if this might be the time for you to start the OCIA journey and grow closer to Jesus.
Please reach out as soon as possible so we can start the conversation.

Saint Joseph Prayer Shawl will have its final meeting of the school year on **May 21, 2025**. We meet in the Parish Life Center on Grove Street from 11am to 1pm.



PLEASE NOTE!
The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, May 26, and there will be NO NOVENA in observance of Memorial Day.



From little learners to leaders in the making! Last week we blessed the caps and gowns of our incredible 8th graders. May they walk forward with confidence, faith and purpose. The future is bright!



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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 do we learn from the temptations of Jesus in the desert?

The temptations of Jesus in the desert recapitulate the temptation of Adam in Paradise and the temptations of Israel in the desert. Satan tempts Jesus in regard to his obedience to the mission given him by the Father. Christ, the new Adam, resists and his victory proclaims that of his passion which is the supreme obedience of his filial love. The Church unites herself to this mystery in a special way in the liturgical season of *Lent*.

Who is invited to come into the Kingdom of God proclaimed and brought about by Jesus?

All are invited by Jesus to enter the Kingdom of God. Even the worst of sinners is called to convert and to accept the boundless mercy of the Father. Already here on earth, the Kingdom belongs to those who accept it with a humble heart. To them the mysteries of the Kingdom are revealed.

Why did Jesus manifest the Kingdom by means of signs and miracles?

Jesus accompanied his words with *signs* and *miracles* to bear witness to the fact that the Kingdom is present in him, the Messiah. Although he healed some people, he did not come to abolish all evils here below but rather to free us especially from the slavery of sin. The driving out of demons proclaimed that his cross would be victorious over "the ruler of this world" (*John* 12:31).

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

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 is participating in a survey conducted by the Catholic Leadership Institute called the Disciple Maker Index Survey. Insights from this 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 for the Archdiocese. We encourage all parishioners to participate. The survey is available through May 25th. Link to the online survey via the QR code. **Please reach out to the Parish office for a paper survey if you are not able to participate via online.**



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PARISH COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

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

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

EARLY SUBMISSION FOR MEMORIAL DAY



Bulletin submissions for **Sunday, June 1**
Are due by **WEDNESDAY, MAY 21.**
bulletin@sjcnj.org



"The Church that hurt me is also the Church that has helped me"

PRESENTATION
with author
MARK JOSEPH WILLIAMS
Pastoral Accompaniment Reflection
Reverend Andy Prachar, Pastor
Saint Bartholomew Church, Scotch Plains

Torrent of Grace
A Catholic Survivor's
Healing Journey after Clergy Abuse
Foreword by Jennifer S. Wortham

WEDNESDAY MAY 21 | 7pm | Memorial Hall
St Teresa of Avila Church
306 Morris Ave, Summit

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Clergy abuse survivor Mark Joseph Williams shares his personal journey of spiraling into substance abuse and shame in the agonizing aftermath of trauma. Hitting rock bottom, he encountered healing in the place few survivors would look—the Catholic Church. There, despite and beyond clergy abuse and power plays of the hierarchy, he rediscovered new life within the sacraments and the mystery of the cross.

RSVP by May 14 to SarahL@stteresaaavila.org
Torrent of Grace is available for purchase via orbisbooks.com and Amazon.

QR codes for purchasing the book via Orbis Books and Amazon.

Ascension Church, New Milford will sponsor a trip to the Wind Creek Casino, Bethlehem, Pa. on Thursday, May 29th. The bus will leave Ascension's parking lot at 9AM. Cost is \$40 per person with a return of \$25 slot playing voucher. All checks should be payable to Church of the Ascension and dropped off at the parish office. Call Josie (201) 265-0485 or Anna (201)206-4297 for further info.

Mini Reflection: When we love someone, we want to be associated with them. We want to be recognized as theirs somehow. And if we love Christ, we should want to be known as belonging to him. We should want those who see us to know we are his. (LPi)

St. Rita of Cascia | May 22

St. Rita of Cascia (1381 – 1457) had the opportunity to live her life as a wife, mother, widow, and eventually, member of a religious community. Born in central Italy, St. Rita felt the calling to become a nun, but was pressured at a young age into marriage. During her 18-year marriage to a cruel man, she raised two sons. When her husband was killed in a brawl and her sons died, St. Rita decided to go back to her first love and attempted to join the Augustinian nuns in Cascia. Her status as a widow caused some complications to her entering, but she eventually succeeded in professing vows. Throughout her lifetime, St. Rita of Cascia was known for her prayerfulness and charity. She also experienced stigmata on her forehead, meditated frequently on Christ's passion, and cared for the nuns of her religious community and those in the lay community who came to her for counsel. (LPi)



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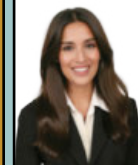
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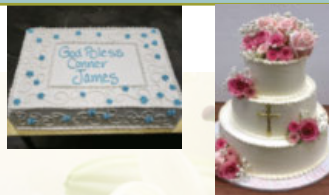
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